

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

AUGUST 16, 2026

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors Pat Conroy, SJ Mark Hoelsken, SJ



Upcoming Events:

- August 19th - the Parish office will be closed for a Staff retreat. No Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration.
- August 23rd - Parish Picnic & Pie Contest 11:00 am
- August 30th - Bishop Michael Warfel to celebrate the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass to promote the Marriage Encounter Weekend here in Missoula October 23 - 25

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

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

Prayer

May -

Terry King, Dale Anderson, Dustin Olsen,
Connie McLaughlin, Virginia Bourassa, Mark Purdy,
Jan Hulquist, Jim Bigelow, and Jennifer Andres
receive His healing and consolation.

May -

Marcella Seitz, Emma Neuman,
and John "Pat" McDonald
rest in the peace of Our Lord's loving arms.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2026

Saturday 8/15	Cote Family*
Sunday 8/16	Bruno & Marsha Friia* For the People* Ketty Martorell
Monday 8/17	Kira Lemar
Tuesday 8/18	Karli & Brian Hughes*
Wednesday 8/19	No Intention
Thursday 8/20	Bruno & Marsha Friia*
Friday 8/21	Brittini & Adam Herta*
Saturday 8/22	Robert Mullen
Sunday 8/23	Deanna Quamme Evie Cote For the People*
Monday 8/24	Shane Pelletier
Tuesday 8/25	Lynn & Jackie Goldhahn*
Wednesday 8/26	No Intention
Thursday 8/27	Patrick O'Brien
Friday 8/28	Evie Cote

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2026

Saturday 8/15	Rev. 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab Ps.45 1 Cor. 15:20-27a Luke 1:39-56	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday 8/16	Isa. 56:1, 6-7 Ps. 67 Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32 Matt. 15:21-28	Twentieth Sunday in OrdT.
Monday 8/17	Ezek. 24:15-23 Deut.32 Matt. 19:16-22	
Tuesday 8/18	Ezek. 28:1-10 Deut. 32 Matt. 19:23-30	St. Alberto Hurtado
Wednesday 8/19	Ezek. 34:1-11 Ps. 23 Matt. 20:1-16	
Thursday 8/20	Ezek. 36:23-28 Ps. 51 Matt. 22:1-14	St. Bernard
Friday 8/21	Ezek. 37:1-14 Ps. 107 Matt. 22:34-40	St. Pius X
Saturday 8/22	Ezek. 43:1-7ab Ps. 85 Matt. 23:1-12	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 8/23	Isa. 22:19-23 Ps. 138 Rom. 11:33-36 Matt. 16:13-20	21st Sunday in OrdT.
Monday 8/24	Rev. 21:9b-14 Ps. 145 John 1:45-51	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday 8/25	2 Thess. 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps. 96 Matt. 23:23-26	
Wednesday 8/26	2 Thess. 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps. 128 Matt. 23:27-32	

Collections for August 9, 2026 Regular - 9,127.00 Loose - 2,794.90 Peters Pence - 10.00 Online - 11,750.94

Thank you for your generosity!

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Congratulations to Anton James & Audrey Elizabeth children of Kayla & Matthew Van Lieshout,
to Laykin Huckslee Kay child of Kiley & Brandon Robbin,
and to Brooks Christian child of Brooke & Taylor Entzel who will be baptized this weekend!*

- **Parish Picnic August 23rd 11:00 am!** Join the fun & fellowship and enter your favorite pie in our annual contest! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Knights of Columbus will be at the grill cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs. We will have a bounce house and other activities for the children.
- **The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)** Visit our website to learn more about the SEEL retreat and to complete the online application sfxmissoula.org/spirituality. The deadline is August 17th so please do not wait to apply! Do you feel that there is more to your life than what you are experiencing? Do you want to get in touch with your deepest, most authentic desires? The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) retreat has helped countless participants find answers to these kinds of questions. Here is what Julie, a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier Church, said about her SEEL experience: *"Initially I was concerned about the time commitment, as I felt my life was so busy. Then I was amazed at how the hour of daily prayer became a respite for me; something I looked forward to. My favorite part of the retreat was imaginative prayer. Just spending time with Jesus was awesome. I feel so much closer to the Lord now and have a better understanding of His love for each of us. I am more joy-filled and hopeful. My recommendation? Just do it!"*
- **Challenge & Mission** -An invitation to join **"Challenge"** - a commitment of just 10-15 minutes a day to pray and meditate on scripture. Then reflect in prayer, with a small support group based off of the 'SEEL retreat' which will meet weekly from Noon to 2:00 pm in the dining room of the Parish office beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2026 "Challenge" by Fr. Mark Link, SJ is great if you're not ready for the 'SEEL retreat', or if you have already experienced the SEEL retreat and would like to continue in a small faith sharing group! More information will be given at our first gathering. For those who have done the "Challenge Book" & "Vision Book", we are starting the **"Mission"** Book which has the same format. Join us for Scripture, meditation and a Reflection – sharing our faith. Beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2026 10:00 to 11:30 am meeting in the Parish office dining room.
- **VOX SFX Podcast -The Holy Spirit: God's Presence in the World** *Who is the Holy Spirit, and what does the Holy Spirit mean for our lives as Catholics? In this episode, Nicholas and Fr. Pat Conroy, SJ explore the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life and how God's presence transforms us through faith, prayer, and the sacraments and leads us to a deeper spiritual life. Together, we discover how the Holy Spirit guides the Church, strengthens us in our daily lives, and gives us spiritual gifts. As we learn about the Pentecost, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual growth we can experience, and the history of our journey in following the Spirit, we can find new ways to live with greater faith, hope, and love and experience spiritual renewal as disciples of Jesus Christ..* You may listen at you favorite directory, on our YouTube channel or on our website sfxmissoula.org.

The Vocation Chalice Ministry - This ministry invites a family, couple, or individual every two weeks to take home a consecrated chalice as a focal point for daily prayers dedicated to vocations. If you're interested in participating, use the link on our website or this QR code! Questions contact John Neuman at jneuman@sfxmissoula.org.



Reminder: our primary bulletin is our e - bulletin sent every Thursday at 1:00 pm through a platform Evangelus. If you do not currently receive, click on the 'wing' icon located at the top of the page on our website!

St. Francis Xavier Parish will often use parishioner likeness in print, video, website or in social media sites for the purpose of sharing our church community with others.