

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

AUGUST 9, 2026

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



Upcoming Events:

- August 15th - 10:00 am Mass for The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 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 Mass as a part of the Marriage Encounter Weekend

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,
Jan Hulquist, Jim Bigelow, and Jennifer Andres
receive His healing and consolation.

May -

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 8/8	Gary Howard
Sunday 8/9	For the People* Deanna Quamme The Hurd Family*
Monday 8/10	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 8/11	Francis Koehnke
Wednesday 8/12	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 8/13	Evie Cote
Friday 8/14	Eileen & Deanna Huseth
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	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 8/20	Bruno & Marsha Friia*
Friday 8/21	Brittini & Adam Herta*

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2026

Saturday 8/8	Hab. 1:12-2:4 Ps. 9 Matt. 17:14-20	St. Dominic
Sunday 8/9	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Ps. 85 Rom. 9:1-5 Matt. 14:22-33	Nineteenth Sunday in OrdT.
Monday 8/10	2 Cor. 9:6-10 Ps. 112 John 12:24-26	St. Lawrence
Tuesday 8/11	Ezek. 2:8-3:4 Ps. 119 Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	St. Clare
Wednesday 8/12	Ezek. 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps. 113 Matt. 18:15-20	
Thursday 8/13	Ezek. 12:1-12 Ps. 78 Matt. 18:21-19:1	
Friday 8/14	Ezek. 16:1-15, 60, 63 Isa. 12 Matt. 19:3-12	St. Maximilian Kolbe
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	

Collections for August 2, 2026 Regular - 6,146.00 Loose - 2,324.00 Online - 5,627.24 *Thank you for your generosity!*

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Congratulations to Katie Fuch & Kaden Matheny who are to be married on Saturday! and to Wilder William Ashcraft child of Stephanie & Tyler Ashcraft 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)** If you struggle to feel connected to others, perhaps even to your parish community, the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to be involved more intentionally with others as you pray and grow spiritually together. This is what Regina DeCristofaro said about her SEEL retreat: *"I had been searching for something like the Spiritual Exercises my whole life. It is difficult to feel like I belong in the Church as a single woman. I don't fit into the usual categories or groups. I didn't have a prayer life. And I had confined my relationship with God to a future 'something' – a move, a new job. In making the SEEL retreat, I now know that Christ's love is not 'someday' or an 'eventuality.' It is today. When the SEEL retreat ended, I wanted to keep going. Now I am seeing Christ in my everyday life."* 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!
- **VOX SFX Podcast - Faith in the Age of Artificial Intelligence** *Can Catholics use artificial intelligence responsibly? What does the Church teach about AI, human creativity, and moral responsibility? This week, Nicholas talks to John Neuman about today's most pressing questions about artificial intelligence from a Catholic perspective: the ethical use of AI, the importance of protecting human dignity, and how faith can guide us through one of the most significant technological revolutions of our time. Join us as we explore how the Church's timeless teachings can illuminate today's questions about technology, innovation, and faithful discipleship, and how to live faithfully in an increasingly digital world. Together, we'll explore how Christian ethics can help us discern new promises and challenges while keeping Christ at the center of our worldly and spiritual lives. You may listen at your favorite directory, on our YouTube channel or on our website sfxmissoula.org.*
- **Marriage Encounter** - October 23 -25, 2026 An opportunity for married couples to pause, reflect, and reconnect. Visit wwme.org or call John & Brenda at 406.591.5061 Parishioners - Ken & Janine Kessler 701.214.3412 Ken.Janine.Kessler@wwme.org
- **Annual hike to St. Mary's Peak August 16th** Fr. Severson will celebrate Mass at the top of the peak in honor of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gather at St. Mary Parish Family Center parking lot at 7:00 a.m.; we will leave for the trailhead from there shortly after. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited at the trailhead. Bring plenty of water, lunch, a Rosary, bug spray and sunscreen. Also, keep an eye on weather reports; be prepared for change. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a BBQ following the hike. details can be found stmarystevi.co/news-1

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.