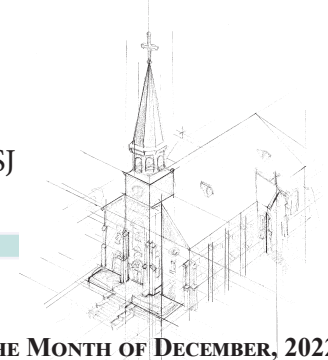


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

JANUARY 1, 2023

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors: Steve Lantry, SJ John Martin, SJ
Paul Cochran, SJ Victor Cancino, SJ



We wish to thank you for your incredible generosity and support for St. Francis Xavier Parish. Through this Christmas season and throughout the year, you have been quick to donate your time and talent in order that our parish can serve the spiritual needs of our community.

Your financial generosity has allowed us to maintain and improve our facilities, support our various ministries, and continue our meaningful liturgies throughout the year.

On behalf of all the priests and staff of St. Francis Xavier Parish, we thank you and wish you a Happy New Year!

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2022

Saturday 12/31 1 John 2:18-21
Ps. 96
John 1:1-18

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2023

Sunday 1/1	Num. 6:22-27 Ps. 67 Gal. 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Monday 1/2	1 John 2:22-28 Ps. 98 John 1:19-28	
Tuesday 1/3	Sir 51:8-12 Ps. 8 Phil 2:1-11	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
Wednesday 1/4	Luke 2:21-24 1 John 3:7-10 Ps. 98 John 1:35-42	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
Thursday 1/5	1 John 3:11-21 Ps. 100 John 1:43-51	
Friday 1/6	1 John 5:5-13 Ps. 147 Mark 1:7-11	

Prayers

May ---

**Pamela Oakes, Sophia Daniel, Dianne Keller,
Becky Byrne, Toni Ammerman, Angela Barone,
Harper Walker & Cathy Walker**
receive His healing and consolation.

May ---

**Catherine West Pulkrabek, Lucy McCrumb,
Bob Colvin, and LaWana Whaley**
rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2022

Saturday 12/31 Sheila Combo
Jean Devuno

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2023

Sunday 1/1	Shane Pelletier Joan Cullen Nick Rago*
Monday 1/2	Shane Pelletier
Tuesday 1/3	Art & Joe Sterling
Wednesday 1/4	Jeannie Powers
Thursday 1/5	Philip B. Cosgrove
Friday 1/6	Linda Hamman

Collections for December 25, 2022 Regular Offering - 13,388.00 Loose - 5049.23 Online Offering - 5644.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Deep appreciation and gratitude to all those who helped minister at our Christmas Masses. *So many of you stepped up and helped fill gaps and for that we are so grateful. Without our lay ministers, we couldn't have such beautiful and meaningful liturgies! It truly takes a village! Again, many, many thanks to those who helped in the following ways:*

Sacristans -Setting everything up for Masses

Lectors-Proclaiming the Good News

Eucharistic Ministers-Administering the sacred Blood and Wine

Ushers-Assisting the congregation in finding seats and managing the crowds.

Altar Servers-Assisting the priests with Mass

Tech Ministers- Livestreaming our Masses for those who couldn't attend in person.

Musicians-Creating incredibly beautiful and moving music for all the services!

Sacristy Team-Polishing the brass vessels, prepping the candle holders and doing the laundry for the altar linens

Church Decorating team-Creating a beautiful atmosphere in our church for the season.

May God bless you all abundantly and grant you the joy of the newborn Christ!

- **Year-End Giving Makes A Difference at St. Francis Xavier** -Please consider making a year-end donation to St. Francis Xavier Parish and in doing so, know that your gift will be put to good use. Each year St. Francis Xavier Parish supports not only the liturgical and sacramental needs of our parishioners, but also engages in outreach to the homeless, the hungry, and those in need of spiritual direction. Your gift to St. Francis Xavier is a charitable deduction and is a perfect way to support the good works of the parish. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Last Years greeting cards?** - Our students in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd could use the fronts of religious themed greeting cards. If you have a few to donate you may drop them off in the parish office. Please make a notation 'For Michele' thank you.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** - Wednesday 8:30am to 3:00pm & the First Friday of the month 8:30am - Noon
Contact Kathy 406.251.3704
- **Jesuit Pilgrimage is the brand new app** for an incredible pilgrimage experience to all the places connected to St. Ignatius of Loyola. Download the Jesuit Pilgrimage app, and be part of the biggest pilgrimage in history: <https://jesuitpilgrimage.app>
- **Confirmation 2023 - Class begins on January 8th!** The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to those baptized in the Catholic faith in the 6th through the 12th grade. **Register with Heidi Gengo hgengo@ctkmsla.org** Fr. Kirby Longo klongo@ctkmsla.org and Fr. C. Hightower, SJ will be teaching the Class hightowersj@sfxmissoula.org **High School Class: 6-7 Jan. 8, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 13, 26 at Christ the King** and the **Middle School Class: 5-6 March 5, 12, 26, April 16, 23, 30 at St. Francis Xavier** April 24: Confirmation Ceremony (Time and Location TBD)
- Montana State **March for Life January 13, 2023** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Capital Rotunda (Indoors) for more information contact Sandra Holland Media Admin Secretary 406.531.7419 Pro LifeHelena <https://www.facebook.com/prolifehelena/>
- **World Youth Day** - Montana Group Pilgrimage Mandy Bell from Libby is coordinating a trip to World Youth Day next Summer 2023 in Portugal, and she is inviting individuals from other parishes to join. If you want to go, please reach out to Mandy: 406-263-7485 or Mandy.Bell59230@gmail.com. She's partnered with a travel group and the pilgrimage will be lead by Chris Stefanick.