



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
MISSOULA'S JESUIT PARISH

Dear Saint Francis Xavier parishioners,

I'm writing to you with some of the liturgical and sacramental changes we will be making at the parish. After consulting the SFX Parish Council, Liturgy team, and Bishop Vetter, we will also be making a change to the daily Mass schedule and Reconciliation. Daily Mass will continue at 8:00 am, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Starting Wednesday, September 27th, we will have Liturgy of the Word and Communion services, (followed by Adoration). We are fortunate to have Deacon Mike Bloomdahl serving at SFX and he has agreed to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and Communion services. While I realize this is change, it will allow Fr. Cochran and myself to have one morning off together as Jesuit companions and balance our shared Mass schedules.

Also, we are no longer able to have two priests available on Saturdays for confessions. Starting September 27th, we will be adding an hour and a half of confessions from 1:00-2:30pm during Adoration. We will close Adoration with Benediction at 2:30 pm. This will allow us to serve people in the parish with times for reconciliation and hopefully increase participation in Adoration.

These two changes will make Wednesday a special day. I invite you to come celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, Communion, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction with us at SFX. I am grateful for each one of our parishioners and visitors. I, Fr. Cochran, and the entire SFX team will continue to hold all in our thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,

C. Hightower, SJ