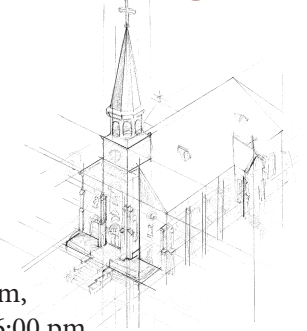


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors: Paul Cochran, SJ Victor Cancino, SJ



Parish Picnic Pie Contestants

Please bring your pie for the contest before the 10:00 am Mass to the Parish office so to be sure to be entered!

Prayers

May ---

**Belinda Sutar, Julie McDonald,
Matt Kegel, Jennifer Andres, Deanna Huseth,
and Bruno Augusto**
receive His healing and consolation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

Saturday 9/9	Mary Ann Martello
Sunday 9/10	Gerald Sullivan Molly & Jim Caplis For the People*
Monday 9/11	Evie Cote
Tuesday 9/12	Linda Cronk
Wednesday 9/13	Debbie Sullivan*
Thursday 9/14	Livia Mae Hughes*
Friday 9/15	John Antonioli
Saturday 9/16	Ariana Friia Hertz*
Sunday 9/17	Helon Stoll Lori Maloney For the People*

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:00 pm.
Monday thru Friday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesday 8:30am to 2:30pm
& the First Friday of the month 8:30am - Noon Contact
Kathy 406.251.3704

Reconciliation - Saturday 3-4:30pm
or by appointment

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

Saturday 9/9	Col. 1:21-23 Ps. 54	ST. PETER CLAVER
Sunday 9/10	Luke 6:1-5 Ezek. 33:7-9 Ps. 95	23RD SUNDAY IN ORD.T.
Monday 9/11	Rom. 13:8-10 Matt. 18:15-20 Col. 1:24--2:3 Ps. 62	
Tuesday 9/12	Luke 6:6-11 Col. 2:6-15 Ps. 145	
Wednesday 9/13	Luke 6:12-19 Col. 3:1-11 Ps. 145	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
Thursday 9/14	Luke 6:20-26 Num. 21:4b-9 Ps. 78	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Friday 9/15	Phil. 2:6-11 John 3:13-17 1 Tim. 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps. 16	OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Saturday 9/16	John 19:25-27 1 Tim. 1:15-17 Ps. 113	STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN
Sunday 9/17	Luke 6:43-49 Sir. 27:30-28:7 Ps. 103 Rom. 14:7-9 Matt. 18:21-35	24TH SUNDAY IN ORD.T.

Collections for September 3, 2023 Regular - 6190.00 Loose - 1912.31 Online - 8006.20

Thank you for your generosity!

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Change in Wednesday Schedule** - As of September 27, 2023 Liturgy of the Word and Communion service, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. 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 2:30pm. We encourage you to read Fr. Hightower's letter available in the entrances as well as on our website.
- **Woman's Scripture Study** - Women's scripture class starts **Sept. 14th** at 10:00 am, Dave Thomas Room in the Loyola Center. For the first few classes we will be looking at church history. We will be using the book 'A Concise History of the Catholic Church' by Thomas Bokenkotter. It can be purchased on-line from \$6.50 to \$20.00. If you need help ordering or purchasing the book, please contact Fr. Hightower or Katy McKinnon at the parish office.
- **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 1:30pm in the dining room of the Parish office beginning **September 19th**. "Challenge" 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. Facilitators: Beverly Frohlich 406.240.2704 and Patricia Baker 307.851.8339
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word 'CLOW'** - Interested in helping to spread the word of the Lord.? Phyllis and Maria are in need of a few more folks to assist during CLOW at the 10 am Mass. Might it be you? Please contact Katy 406.542.0321 if you are available to assist in this joyful ministry.
- **Anyone interested in exploring becoming Catholic are warmly invited to attend our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Info Night on September 20th** at 7pm in the Loyola Building. Come, ask questions and listen as we share the RCIA journey which the church offers to all interested! This is ideal for those adults never baptized, baptized in another religion or for those who were baptized Catholic and never confirmed.
- **Family Promise**- We will be hosting the families at the Family Housing Center in the Meadowlark on 3rd Street the **week of September 25-October 1**. Volunteers are needed to provide food (green salad, fruit, and dessert), to serve in the kitchen, to evening host and to help with the "Family Fun Activities". If you are interested in learning more We would love to have you join us!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444A4AC23A2FE3-volunteers7>
- **Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM)** is seeking a Montana licensed mental health-counselor/therapist to join us in our mission to serve our neighbors. This position can be based anywhere in Montana and will provide counseling, therapy, and educational services across the state as a part of the new mental health services program at CSSM. This is a full-time position. A complete position description can be viewed by visiting <https://www.cssmt.org/> Applications must be received by September 27 to be included in the initial candidate review.