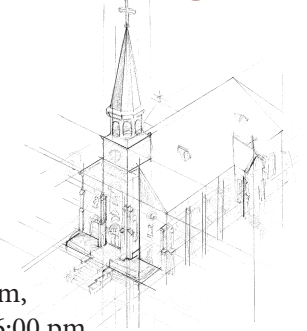


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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



Congratulations Julie!

A recent tradition here at St. Francis Xavier is to honor a parishioner for their outstanding service to our parish known as our **St. Alphonsus Rodriguez award**. **Julie Bloomdahl is the 2023 recipient!** Julie has been behind the scenes assisting us for many years with the liturgical environment, creating our banners and altar linens, helping with the Givingtree, and the Missoula Foodbank to list a few. We are most grateful for her and all that she brings to our parish!

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

Prayers

May ---

**Jayne Rogers, Georgia Miller, Danny Hurd,
Belinda Sutar, Julie McDonald, Matt Kegel, Jennifer
Andres, Deanna Huseh, and Bruno Augusto**
receive His healing and consolation.

May ---

Kimberlie Berard
rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

Saturday 9/16	1 Tim. 1:15-17 Ps. 113 Luke 6:43-49	STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN
Sunday 9/17	Sir. 27:30-28:7 Ps. 103 Rom. 14:7-9 Matt. 18:21-35	24TH SUNDAY IN ORD.T.
Monday 9/18	1 Tim. 2:1-8 Ps. 28 Luke 7:1-10	
Tuesday 9/19	1 Tim. 3:1-13 Ps. 101 Luke 7:11-17	
Wednesday 9/20	1 Tim. 3:14-16 Ps. 111 Luke 7:31-35	
Thursday 9/21	Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps. 19 Matt. 9:9-13	ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
Friday 9/22	1 Tim. 6:2c-12 Ps. 49 Luke 8:1-3	
Saturday 9/23	1 Tim. 6:13-16 Ps. 100 Luke 8:4-15	ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)
Sunday 9/24	Isa. 55:6-9 Ps. 145 Phil. 1:20c-24, 27a Matt. 20:1-16a	25TH SUNDAY IN ORD.T.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

Saturday 9/16	Ariana Friia Hertz*
Sunday 9/17	Helon Stoll Lori Maloney For the People*
Monday 9/18	Annie Bowman*
Tuesday 9/19	Rich & Jan Wherley*
Wednesday 9/20	Richard & Janice Wherley*
Thursday 9/21	Shannon & Rob Bell*
Friday 9/22	Phil Baerlocher
Saturday 9/23	Claude Huguet
Sunday 9/24	DeDe White Grace & Joe Collins For the People*

Collections for September 10, 2023 Regular - 7559.00 Loose - 1686.00 Maintenance - 590.00
St. Mary's Cemetery - 40.00 Online - 5256.20 *Thank you for your generosity!*

THE TWENTY FOURTH 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.**
- **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.
- **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.
- **The Bishop's Gala planned for 2023 has been canceled** but will be back in 2024. Bishop Vetter wants to thank those who generously attended last year's gala. He is looking forward to seeing everyone as he makes his third round of deanery and parish visits and adds Capital Campaign events to his calendar.
- **Life in the Spirit - Saturday, October 14, 2023** 1-5pm - A prayer meeting. Praise & worship, scripture, teaching, reconciliation and sharing. All are welcome - bring friends, older teenagers and young adults. St. Anthony Parish Life Center. For more information contact Jerry Weber at 406.241.7282 or 406.721.6599
- **Youth Group** - Meets Wednesday nights. Jr. High: 5-6pm at Christ the King room 217, High School: 6:30 - 8pm at Christ the King room 217