

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:
So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:
For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.” (Lk 13:30)

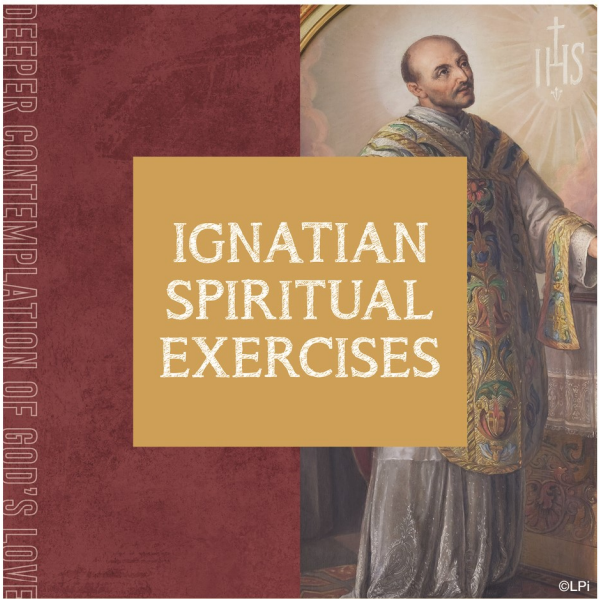
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,”
Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt...but will
not be strong enough.” So let us never be
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if
we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Monica
- Wednesday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
- Friday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises
are prayers and meditations
which are meant to accompany
souls on a journey toward
deeper contemplation of God’s
love and a more meaningful
understanding of His call to
discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your
invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at
every step.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH
SHELBY
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION
SUNBURST
AUGUST 24, 2025
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25, No Masses

Tuesday, August 26, No Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, August 27, No Mass at St. William

Thursday, August 28, No Adoration at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, August 29, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Wendy Wadsworth by Wally and Marlene Howery)

Saturday, August 30, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, August 31, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William (For the People of St. William Living and Deceased)

12:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas (For the People of St. Thomas Aquinas Living and Deceased)

ST. WILLIAM	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT	COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00	Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
August to Date: \$6,682.00	August to Date: \$2,384.00
Month to Date Surplus: \$682.00	Month to Date Needed: \$16.00



Mass Schedule Change

Starting in September, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas will be held on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Mass at St. Margaret Church in Cutbank will be held on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Mission Retreat

Join us for Our Mission Retreat September 7th, 8th and 9th at St. Margaret Church, Cut Bank. It will be presented by Fr. John Winkowitsch, OP and the theme is Pilgrims of Hope. See the flyer in the back of the church for details and sign up.

Sacrament preparation and Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish office at 406-434-2988 or Fr. Peter at 406-475-1274.

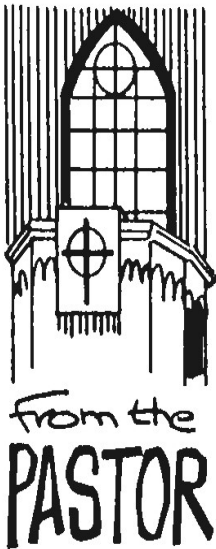
Marriage: Call Fr. Peter Mikwabe at least 6 months before desired date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. William before Sunday Mass and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins: Call Marlene Howery at 406-434-2273.

Religious Education: Call Tressa Keller at 406-460-0932 or Brooke Rogers at 406-409-9248.



THE REDEMPTION IS UNIVERSAL

Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). All of mankind have a vocation to go to heaven, Christ’s definitive kingdom. This is what we have been born for, because God desire all people to be saved. Through the cross Jesus opens the way for us to enter into his kingdom. But we must follow Jesus in the way of the cross. The word strive can also be translated agony. To enter the kingdom of God one must struggle against the forces of temptation and whatever would hinder us from doing the will of God. The good news is that we do not struggle alone. God is with us, and his grace is sufficient! Through the gift of his body the church and through the support of brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord gives us all the help we need to grow in holiness and overcome sin in our personal lives. As we strive side by side for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27) Jesus assures us of complete victory! Do you trust in God's grace and help, especially in times of testing and temptation? Fr. Peter

Upcoming Diocesan Events

August:

Aug. 22-24 – CYC Board Meeting #1, Legendary Lodge

September:

Sept. 1 – Labor Day, Chancery Holiday

Sept. 3 – Parish Personnel Check-in Meeting, Virtual

Sept. 12-13 – Diaconate Formation Weekend, Helena

Sept. 15-18 – Clergy Convocation Formation Days, Butte

August is Make-A-Will Month
Make YOURS for FREE!

The future begins with you! Our parish is excited to offer you a free estate-planning resource from The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena called FreeWill so you can invest in the future of your family AND your faith, starting now.

With FreeWill, you can write your will online today. Having a will allows you to:

- Protect your loved ones and ensure their future well-being.
- Express your values and the principles that define your life.
- Begin your legacy that supports the causes you hold dear.

Make a plan today with FreeWill at freewill.com/fdoh

All it takes is 20 minutes to create your will and start your legacy.

Employment Opportunities

Director of Religious Education, St. Francis of Assisi, Hamilton (Part-Time)

CGS Program Director, Diocese of Helena (Part-Time)

Music Director, St. Mary Catholic Community, Helena (Part-Time)

Facilities Manager, Resurrection University Parish, Bozeman (Part-Time)

Music Coordinator, Resurrection University Parish, Bozeman (Part-Time)

K-8 Teaching Positions, St Matthew's School, Kalispell (Full-Time)

Multiple Positions Open, Good Samaritan Ministries, Helena, MT (Full & Part-Time)

You can find a full position listing on the Diocesan website.

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
8/31/25	Kevin Mitchel	Jeanne Keck	Jeanne McDonough and Elaine Mitchell	Marlene Howery and Jeanne Keck