

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm:
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
(Ps 128)

Second Reading:
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel:
He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

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Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our “Holy Family” — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year’s Eve*
- Thursday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year’s Day, World Day of Peace
- Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Gertrude’s Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 30, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Thursday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am at St. Francis in Valier

10:00 am at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

12:00 pm at St. William in Shelby

Friday, January 2, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Gary Abrahamson by John and Diane Abrahamson)

6:00 pm Adoration at St. William in Shelby

Saturday, January 3, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Diana Hoffa by Tim and Billiette Coolidge)

Sunday, January 4, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William († Jimmy Kalbfleisch by Pat and Jeanne McDonough and Family)

12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM
COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

December to Date: \$6,563.00

Month to Date Surplus: \$563.00

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

December to Date: \$1,682.00

Month to Date Needed: \$718.00

Thank you for giving.



HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT

We invite high school youth in grades 9-12 to join us in a fun weekend of skiing, faith, and fellowship!

- JAN. 23-25, 2026
- WHITEFISH, MT
- \$50 (Plus lift ticket & Gear)

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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.



MARRIAGE: A SACRAMENT OF HOLINESS.

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two sacraments in His Church to make society holy – the sacrament of priesthood and the sacrament of marriage. Through the sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish church through the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. Fr. Peter

Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday, December 31 due to Thursday being the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. St. William’s Thursday Mass will be at noon.

CHRISTMAS

The Holy Family

Dr. John Sehorn

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The Holy Family

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The Pope’s Monthly Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
1/4/26	Lyle Kimmet	John Abrahamson	Elaine Mitchell and Kevin Mitchell	Junior High