



## Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025 • 8:00 a.m.

**HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

*This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

### **WELCOME**

*We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.*

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling or sitting as able*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand as able*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### ANTIPHON

*Officiant* Alleluia. To us a child is born.  
*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**VENITE** *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People together*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**  
**The sea is his, for he made it, \***  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### THE APPOINTED PSALM

*Reader* Please join me in saying a portion of Psalm 147, found in the service leaflet.

**PSALM: Psalm 147: 13-21**

<sup>13</sup>**Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \***  
**praise your God, O Zion;**  
<sup>14</sup>**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \***

he has blessed your children within you.  
<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; \*  
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>16</sup>He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
 and his word runs very swiftly.  
<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; \*  
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup>He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
 who can stand against his cold?  
<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup>He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
 Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
 my whole being shall exult in my God;  
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
 to spring up before all the nations.  
<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
 and her salvation like a burning torch.  
<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
 and all the kings your glory;  
 and you shall be called by a new name  
 that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow. Please join in saying the Canticle.*

## **FIRST CANTICLE**

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah  
*Surge, illuminare*

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***  
**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***  
**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
**But over you the Lord will rise, \***  
**and his glory will appear upon you.**  
**Nations will stream to your light, \***  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**  
**Your gates will always be open; \***  
**by day or night they will never be shut.**  
**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***  
**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***  
**ruin or destruction within your borders.**  
**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***  
**and all your portals, Praise.**  
**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***  
**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**  
**The Lord will be your everlasting light, \***  
**and your God will be your glory.**  
  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **THE SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

*The people remain seated.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

<sup>4:4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow. Please join in saying the Canticle.*

## **SECOND CANTICLE**

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***  
**to go in peace as you have promised;**  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE THIRD READING: John 1:1-18**

*The people remain seated.*

A Reading from John.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## **THE SERMON**

**Jim Wiley, Lay Worship Leader**

**Adapted from *Sermons That Work of The Episcopal Church*, by James Liggett and Anna Sutterisch**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing as able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All remain standing as able. The Officiant says to the people*

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

*When this prayer is needed, the Celebrant and People say*

**O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from false choices, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Officiant* **Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.**

*All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:*



## DOXOLOGY

*All say in unison as the Offering is received.*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

# The Prayers

## SALUTATION

*The people stand or kneel as able*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## SUFFRAGES

**V.** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R.** **And grant us your salvation.**  
**V.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R.** **Let your people sing with joy.**  
**V.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.** **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
**V.** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R.** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*The People stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.*

*Intercessor* The Prayers of the People today are guided by Form 6, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

The star of Christmas shines upon the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. In joy and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For your new light to be poured upon all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For compassionate and peace-seeking leaders for this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the sustainable, just, and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For your mercy to be revealed to all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*



For the wisdom, peace, and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; and for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
Today we pray especially for those on our prayer list, and we invite you to take your leaflet home so you can pray for them individually during the week.

***Silence***

Bill B.	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Bert and Nora Horton	Jennifer, Mark and Jacob	Sullivan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Graham
Betty Rice	Robert Hadlow	Peg
Dolores Criswell	Laura and Cannon	Janel
Lew and Robin Mueller	Linda T.	Paula
Nancy Callen	Christina Errebo	Tim
Kathy Adams	Barbara Behan	Ray
Paula and family	Dan	Shannon
Michael Ayers and family	Jeanne	Greg
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Jone and Jesse	Mary
Doug Harris and family	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Moe
Tom Ard	Ann Rennie	Sam
Diana Plyley	Carol	Wanda

The staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City  
Our immigrant and refugee neighbors  
All who need shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadlowlark can offer

***The People may add their own petitions***

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

You bring good news of great joy for all people. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

***The People may add their own thanksgivings***

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We rest in your blessed hope and promise. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this day for Phillip Kuhn, for those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for any other neighbors and loved ones who we remember to you now.

***The People may add their own petitions***

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

***Silence***

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son Phillip Kuhn, by Keith and Wendy Kuhn.

### *Participants in the Service*

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	<i>Jim Wiley, Lay Worship Leader</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Michael Irwin</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Judy Parock</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Elaine Brown, Lori Cordis, Beverley Maas</i>

## GROW WITH US

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's in-person and online service, is made possible because of people like you. We rely on your donations to make our mission and ministry possible. In these challenging times, your support is needed more than ever. If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you're able to help Holy Spirit continue to serve our community and the greater world. Visit <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/> or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to (833) 714-3270 to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

## 2025 ANNUAL GIFT PAYMENTS

In order for your **ANNUAL GIFT PAYMENTS** to appear on your 2025 statement, your annual gift payments must be received or postmarked by December 31. Payments received in January not postmarked by December 31, 2025 will be posted to your 2026 annual gift statement, even if the check is dated 2025. Please remember that our mail goes to Spokane for processing now, which adds an additional day to the mail time.

**DON'T FORGET** that you can make your year-end payments and set up your annual gift for next year on our giving platform **PUSHPAY**. Giving is easy and secure, and you have three different ways to give:

1. On our website: [www.holyspiritmissoula.org](http://www.holyspiritmissoula.org) on the "Give" page
2. On our app: text **HOLYSPIRITAPP** to (833) 714-3270
3. On your phone: text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to (833) 714-3270

## WE'RE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST

An important part of our worship at Holy Spirit is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On January 4th, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday Prayers of the People.** In order to keep our prayers current and meaningful, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Judy Parock ([office@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:office@holyspiritmissoula.org)). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us and the names of our shut-in parishioners. We will renew the list again in six months' time. People may remain on the Prayer List for as long as necessary because we know and understand that many needs are ongoing. However, when someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help and for your understanding.

## SOCK, HAT, SCARF & GLOVE DRIVE

Hang a stocking, then donate warm socks! For the 10th year, Holy Spirit is collecting socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for our houseless neighbors served by the Poverello Center and HOT Team.

📅 **January 4–18, 2026**

📍 Drop donations in the red-and-white striped box in the parish hall or in the bin outside the church office.

Please give handknit, store-bought, or gently used items. **Socks must be wool or synthetic—NO cotton.** The need is especially great this winter. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors warm!

For extra bins at home or work, contact [lucia.solowork@gmail.com](mailto:lucia.solowork@gmail.com).

## **“BABETTE’S FEAST AND THE THEOLOGY OF FOOD”: A MOVIE AND DISCUSSION WITH VALERIE HESS**

Join us **Sunday afternoon, January 11th beginning at 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will talk about the theological (and political) implications of food and food production and then watch the movie, “*Babette’s Feast.*” **NOTE: this movie has subtitles so bring the correct glasses!** This 1987 movie is based on a story by Isak Dineson and won an Oscar for best foreign film. After the movie, which is less than 2 hours, we will have a short discussion about the themes in the movie. As we as a parish continue our focus on issues of food and food insecurity, join us for a discussion on a side of the issue not often mentioned.

Questions? Contact Valerie Hess [hess.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:hess.valerie@gmail.com) (720-224-7598)

## **THE GIFT THAT IS THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

Join me Tuesday, January 13 and 20, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. as we delve into the practicalities of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP): the treasure trove it is to us and the many ways it can be used beyond Sunday worship time. Whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or new to the word Episcopal, come engage the BCP with me! ~Rev. Terri

## **JOIN OUR WOMEN’S GROUP: LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER**

Looking for a welcoming space to grow in your faith alongside other women? Join our **Practicalities of Faith** group, where meaningful conversation and genuine community await you. All women are invited—bring a friend and experience support and inspiration together.

The group, led by Julie Benson, will meet on the following dates in the Guild Room from 1-2:30 p.m.:

**January 5, 14, and 29**

**February 11 and 18**

**March 11 and 25**

Please come as you are available! Registration is not required.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: CONSCIOUS EATING BOOK STUDY**

**Starting January 24th** join Sara Streeter and Carla Mettling for this four-week Food for Thought book study. Participants will read two books: Mark Bittman’s *Animal, Vegetable, Junk* and Sophie Egan’s *How to be a Conscious Eater*. Together these books will inform the group about the history of food and how to make food choices that are good for people and the planet. The group will meet in the Guild Room once a week on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am through February 14th. Order your books now and start reading. The study will conclude with a special Conscious Eating parish-wide potluck on Wednesday evening March 4th.

## **FOOD BANK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***An EmPower Pack Event on January 14***

An EmPower Pack event will be held at the Missoula Food Bank on Wednesday, January 14th at 4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit participated in a similar event last August, and it was fun! It’s a great activity for families and groups of friends. We need 30 volunteers to prepare these bags of food for kids who experience chronic hunger over the weekends.

### ***Envelope Assembly for Missoula Food Bank***

📍 Parish Hall

📅 Tuesday, January 13 at 5:00 PM

📅 Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 PM

Start the new year with hands-on giving! Join us to fold, stuff, and seal envelopes that support the Food Bank’s mission to feed our neighbors with dignity. Come for one evening or both — it’s easy, social, and impactful.

📞 Sign up by texting/calling Rosemary at 406-570-7074 or add your name in the Parish Hall.

### ***Food Bank Cooking Classes***

Do you have a filling family recipe that's perfect for those days the wind is howling outside? Tricks or tips for making dinner delicious? Did you know the Food Bank Community Center has their very own teaching kitchen? Reach out to Ashlee Schleicher at [ashlee@missoulafoodbank.org](mailto:ashlee@missoulafoodbank.org) to learn how you can teach your very own cooking class!

### **DONATIONS FOR FAMILY PROMISE**

Family Promise has expanded beyond housing and feeding homeless families at the Meadowlark and helping them find housing. It now supports and helps stabilize them during the first year in housing. Part of this support takes the form of kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom supplies for people who have had to do without these, living in their cars, in shelters, or with friends. We at Holy Spirit can help provide such supplies, either by purchasing them or streamlining what we have at home to donate unneeded items. **A list of supplies** will be in the back of the sanctuary for anyone interested to pick up. Your donations can be dropped off at the church office or given to me. I will be happy to pick them up. Thanks for your generosity and care.

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