

## Ways to leave a legacy to Holy Spirit Parish

There are several ways to leave something to someone you love, or to an organization which is important to your life. This is easy to do, but it is also something that should be done with care. Following are various ways this can be done.

### *Your will*

Everyone, old and young, should have a will. You can provide a future gift to Holy Spirit by including a bequest in your will. Leaving something to Holy Spirit does not mean you leave out your children and any other people you love. When you leave a bequest, you can designate the amount of the gift, or certain property, or a certain percentage of your estate. Any size gift to Holy Spirit is cherished. And, your will can be changed any time before you die, as circumstances change.



A bequest may be for general use, which allows the Vestry to make a decision about how to use what you have given. Or, you may leave your gift for a specific purpose or project. Regardless of the kind of gift you are considering, it is most helpful to you to discuss your plans with the Rector.

### *Trusts*

Montana law provides for several forms of trusts through which your gift may be made. If your estate is large, or your family is large, or you have special needs children, this might be a good method to leave a gift. You should always consult an attorney and a financial planner before making a decision to put your assets into a trust. Assets in a trust can be gifted to Holy Spirit, as well as family and loved ones, when you die.

### *Other kinds of gifts*

Gifts of paid up life insurance policies, annuities and retirement accounts, such as IRAs or 401(k)s can also be made. You can designate Holy Spirit as a beneficiary on a form provided by the life insurance company, the payer of the annuity, or the holder of retirement funds.

It is also possible to make a gift from your bank or investment account through a "transfer on death" form. You can designate either a certain amount of money or a certain stock to be given to Holy Spirit on your death. Forms for this kind of transfer are available from your bank and are easy to complete.

It is sometimes possible to leave certain kinds of real estate to Holy Spirit. If you are considering this kind of gift, be sure to visit with your attorney and the Rector.

### *Endowment gifts*

Holy Spirit Memorial Foundation has a permanent endowment fund. Endowment gifts are invested and only the return can be spent. Thus it continues to be helpful far into the future. Montana law provides a way for gifts to an endowment to be made through certain kinds of trusts, annuities and other planned gifts. These gifts may provide income during your lifetime, a state income tax credit, and a federal income tax deduction. After your death, the church will receive the remaining gifted assets. Professional advice is essential before making a gift of this kind.

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*We cultivate, challenge and live our  
faith in Christ through commitment to  
each other and the world.*

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## New Legacy Society to honor gifts to our Parish Family

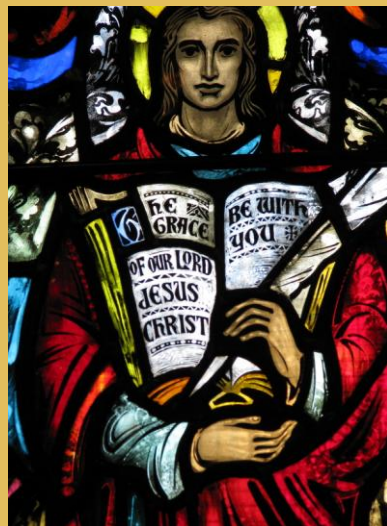
As members of the Holy Spirit Family, it is important to reflect on the importance of that relationship, and consider how we might do something to help make sure that what we have will be here for those who come after us. Actually, scripture talks about the gifts which God has given each of us and admonishes us to be generous with what we have been given.

We celebrate this miracle of gifts on the Day of Pentecost – the day all the believers were gathered together in one place, and a noise which sounded like a strong wind blowing filled the place where they were sitting, and they saw what looked like tongues of fire touching each of them. And the people were filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Although each gift was different, it was as if they became one body, with many different parts. They were amazed at what God had done.

This miracle touches all of us. Some of us can sing. Others work well with children. Others with older people. Some of us are builders. Some are

cooks. Some are gardeners. Together, we work to make Holy Spirit Parish the vibrant family that it is. Each of us plays a critical role in the life of Holy Spirit Parish.

Many members of our parish have remembered Holy Spirit Parish in their will or trust, thus sharing and perpetuating their respective gifts from God. Even though they are no longer here physically, they will never leave us spiritually. By continuing to share their bounty, they have made it possible for Holy Spirit Parish to continue to flourish. And we are incredibly grateful. Because of this sharing, we have beautiful vestments for our clergy, and beautiful frontals on the altar. We are able to help seminarians as they study to become priests. Our stained glass windows are truly



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spectacular. Our choir is second to none. Gifts have made these, and many other things, possible. They make our church family even more special.

Equally important, these gifts enable us to reach out to others beyond our walls. We are able to assist numerous organizations continue their good work, including the Missoula Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Emmaus Campus Ministry, among others.

To encourage the perpetual life of our parish, we want to recognize those who have remembered Holy Spirit in their will or trust. We also want to encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of our parish in your life, and reflect on what gifts you have received from God that might be shared in this special way. We will call this group Holy Spirit Legacy Society.

In the fall we plan to recognize those parishioners who remembered Holy Spirit in their will or trust, and those who have made plans to do so. Their gifts will help us to keep this special place filled with God's Holy Spirit.

If you have remembered Holy Spirit Parish in your will or trust and would like to be recognized, either anonymously or by name, as a charter member of the Holy Spirit Legacy Society, please contact the Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger at the church office, 542-2167.