

# Saint Mary Catholic Community

## **Pastoral Office Hours**

Monday—Friday:  
8:30 AM—4:30 PM

## **Fr. Tim's Office Hours**

Tuesday—Friday:  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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**Flocknote** (to receive news and updates from us): [Signup here](#)

### **Livestream**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQR7D-gy6Z3TmeXSQ5Sk45w/>  
featured

[Click here to become a parishioner](#)

**Adoration:** Tuesday following  
12:10 p.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m.

### **Reconciliation**

#### **Wednesday:**

4:00—5:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday:**

3:00—4:00 p.m.

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Saturday Vigil Mass:**

4:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tues, Wed & Thurs 12:10 p.m.

### **Friday Care Center Masses**

Jan 12—11:00 AM Touchmark

Jan 19—10:30 AM Cooney

Jan 26—11:00 AM Hunter's Pointe

## **The Epiphany of the Lord January 7th, 2024**

**“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.”**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14th, 2024**

**“John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God.””**

*John 1:35-42*



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Saint Mary Catholic Community is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service and community, taking seriously Jesus' command to “Do This in Memory of Me.”

***To ensure a safe environment, parents must accompany children to and from the rest rooms at all times. Thank you.***

## MASSES AT SAINT MARY

**Saturday, January 6th**

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

**3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions**

**4:30 PM Vigil**—for Shannon Moore †  
rb: Bill & Charlotte Fleiner

**Sunday, January 7th—The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

**8:00 AM Mass**—for Lorraine Tucker †  
rb: Jim Tucker

**10:30 AM**—for Ed & Vernie Kralicek †  
rb: Doug & Deb Kralicek

**Monday, January 8th—The Baptism of the Lord**

*Isaiah 42:1-4; 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for the People of the Parish

**5:30 PM Mass**—for the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 9th**

*1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Larry Boyd †  
rb: Boyd family

**Wednesday, January 10th**

*1 Samuel 3:1-10; 19-20; Mark 1:29-39*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Doug Boyd †  
rb: Boyd family

**4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions**

**Thursday, January 11th**

*1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Kelly Richter Waugh †  
rb: Charlotte Kelley

**Friday, January 12th**

*1 Samuel 8:4-7; 10-22; Mark 2:1-12*

**11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark**—for the People of Touchmark

**Saturday, January 13th**

*1 Samuel 3:3-10; 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15; 17-20; John 1:35-42*

**3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions**

**4:30 PM Mass**—for Lyla Tabaracci †  
rb: The Bongers, Bennett, Opitz & Simkins families

**Sunday, January 14th—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Samuel 3:3-10; 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15; 17-20; John 1:35-42*

**8:00 AM Mass**—for Michael Gomes †  
rb: Jim & Vicki Edgar

**10:30 AM Mass**—for the People of the Parish

**Monday, January 15th—No Mass**

*1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22*

**Parish Office & Church closed  
for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**

**Tuesday, January 16th**

*1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for the intentions of John Boyd  
rb: Boyd family

**Wednesday, January 17th**

*1 Samuel 17:32-33; 37; 40-51; Mark 3:1-6*

**12:10 PM**—for the intentions of Barbara Schaeffer  
rb: Ashley Fleming

**4:00—5:00 PM Confessions**

**Thursday, January 18th**

*1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12*

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Burton Boyd †  
rb: Boyd family

**Friday, January 19th**

*1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19*

**10:30 AM Mass at Cooney**—for the People of Cooney



**Prayer  
Ministry  
Sacrifice**

**As praying stewards:** We gathered to celebrate the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord.

**As ministering stewards:** We hosted families in need of temporary housing in our social center for a week during the holidays.

**As sacrificing stewards:** 12/24/23 & 12/31/2023

Pew/Mail:	\$5,480	\$5,926
Direct:	\$ 170	\$ 360
Online:	\$1,549	\$1,842
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,199</b>	<b>\$8,128</b>

### Stewardship Income

FY 23-4	7/1/23 – 11/30/23	\$204,541*
FY 22-3	7/1/22 – 11/30/22	\$189,165
Difference		\$ 15,376

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30*

Total Monthly Income (November) \$94,227\*

Average Monthly Expenses \$60,000

**Christmas Collection: \$10,988**

*\*Large bequest received in November.*

*Praise God and Thank You for your prayers, your share in ministry,  
and your sacrificial giving!*



## Parish Staff and Parish Councils at your service

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**Finance Council Members:** Ann Bauchman, Dave Brown, Jerry LaChere, Lois Menzies, Anna Miller, Sam Prestipino, and Maureen Stohl.

# *From Father Tim*

Merry Christmas everyone! The year 2023 has gone very fast, or so it seems – and we end this year – as all years – celebrating the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord; as Jesus Christ is born into the world!

Like the song says, 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.' Many will gather with family and friends; sometimes traveling several miles; to celebrate the beauty and power of the Incarnation; the Word made flesh; the Son of God and Son of Mary who came into the world for our salvation and redemption.

Throughout history, the prophets proclaimed the coming of a Savior; a light that no darkness could overcome; a light that can transform all human hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. On that Christmas night 2,000 years ago, the world stood still as Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born to the Virgin Mary in a stable in Bethlehem. The miracle of Christmas was with the whole world then, and the miracle of Christmas is with all of us in 2023. Because Jesus Christ is with us now and for all eternity, and His love and mercy is beyond human understanding.

The Son of God came into the world as a human being; an innocent and fragile infant as the Virgin Mary and Joseph, the foster-father of the Son of God, were filled with amazement, love and joy. The angels rejoiced; nature rejoiced, and the world was filled with peace as THE STAR shined brightly in the sky.

We know the rest of the story, as the Son of God would eventually die on the Cross for our salvation and redemption; and would rise from the dead three days later to prove that death has no power over Him – or over us who walk and follow the Lord in our lives.

But now, we reflect and ponder on the beauty and power of the birth of Christ. The infant who would change the course of salvation history. The Word made Flesh who dwelt among us, and who continues to be in our hearts. And the infant who brought peace to the world; a peace that the world never experienced before that beautiful night; and a peace that the world desperately needs today. May our eyes always be fixed on Christ, the King of Peace who is born to us; a Savior who is born to us! Let us rejoice and be glad! Merry Christmas everyone!

*Fr. Tim*

## **Pope's Intentions for January 2024**

### ***For the Gift of Diversity in the Church***

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



I have loved you with an  
everlasting love!  
Jeremiah 31:3

# Faith Formation

## A Journey for Life

From Dawn

### Important Dates

Religious Education classes resume on  
January 10th.

First Communion class will be held on  
Sunday, January 21st from 9:15am to 10:15am  
in the Social Center.

### ***Children's Liturgy of the Word***

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on  
January 7th, but will not meet on  
January 14th.

### ***"The Chosen"***

Viewing and Discussion Group will resume  
on Thursday, January 11th!  
We will watch Season Two!

***Solemnity of the Epiphany on  
January 7th & 2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time on January 14th.***

**Themes:** Jesus is a gift to all humanity  
and God calls us to follow him!

### **Question to discuss:**

Who in your life points the way to Jesus?  
How can you follow Jesus more closely  
this week?

### SMCC Lending Library

Thanks to a donation of Barb Bisom's  
books, we now have a lending library  
located in the Parish Office!

We have books about Saints, Prayer and  
Spirituality, Catholic Social Teaching,  
Christian Fiction and so much more!  
Please stop by the Parish Office and  
check out a book!

We do have room for some more books if  
you would like to add to our collection.

***Please call Dawn at the Parish Office  
before bringing them over!***

***We need to make sure we have  
enough room!***



# YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

## Important Dates for Youth Group

January 10th: Ice Skating at Memorial Park from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

January 17th: Youth Group from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

### Confirmation Preparation

Candidates for Confirmation and their Sponsors will meet on Sunday, January 21st from 1pm to 2:30pm in the Social Center! Call Dawn at the Parish Office for more information!

Youth Group Ice  
Skating on January

10th!

Time: 6:30pm to  
8:00pm

Cost: \$2

Bring a Friend!



### 2024 SUMMER SEASON CAMPS SCHEDULE

JUNE 16- JUNE 21

JUNIOR HIGH #1

JUNE 23- JUNE 28

HIGH SCHOOL #1

JULY 7- JULY 12

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

JULY 14- JULY 19

HIGH SCHOOL #2

JULY 21- JULY 26

JUNIOR HIGH #2

JULY 28- AUGUST 2

5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Registration for camp opens January 1, 2024

Early Bird Pricing: Save \$20/camper when you register by January 31st!

### **Legendary Lodge Scholarship fund!**

If you would like to donate to the Legendary Lodge Scholarship fund, please contact Dawn! Every year, 25-30 youth from our parish attend Legendary Lodge Camps and many of them are only able to do that because of the financial assistance we are able to provide!

**Thank you so much for the generosity you always provide!**

### **Registration for Legendary Lodge is open!**

Legendary Lodge is an amazing and life changing experience for youth entering 5th grade through high school!

Camps fill up quickly, so check here to find our more information and to register!

We want to support all of our youth who want to attend Legendary Lodge!

**If your family needs financial assistance, please contact Dawn in the Parish Office!**

# Liturgical Life

## ***As with Gladness Men of Old***

Born in Bristol, UK, William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) worked as an insurance agent in Glasgow, Scotland most of his life. In his spare time, he wrote hymn texts. *As with Gladness Men of Old* was one of those and it was written on January 6, 1859 when he was just 22 years old. He was recovering from an illness at home and could not attend the Epiphany service at church. He started to meditate on the text in Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12 about the journey of the magi to visit the baby Jesus. This meditation led to him writing this hymn text.

*As with Gladness Men of Old* was first published in *Hymns for Public worship and Private Devotion* and then included in the trial version of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (the hymnal for the Church of England). Its popularity led to its inclusion in the official publication of the hymnal in 1861. As an amateur hymn writer, the inclusion of Dix's work in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* was remarkable when considering hymn writers who graduated with degrees in literature or theology.

Verse one and two tells the story of the magi visiting baby Jesus as depicted in Matthew 2:1-12. Verse three mentions us and compares our personal journey to seek Jesus to the magi's visit; verse four depicts the eternal joy we have when finally meeting Jesus.

It is sung to the hymn tune DIX (also used in the hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*). The music is in bar form, and it has A, A, and B sections. It is interesting to note that this structure helps us understand the text better. The first two phrases in verses 1-3 refer to what the magi did in the past and the last phrase refers to our response. In choosing this hymn tune, there is a perfect "marriage" between words and music.

The magi were led by the star to find Jesus. And they presented gold, incense and myrrh to Him. Nowadays, what are the "costliest treasures" that we bring and present to Jesus? Let's proclaim:

"As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee."

Thoughts  
from Deb

# Pastoral Care

I read this little tidbit in a book that I received at Christmas and wanted to share.

*“Out west an old sheepherder had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone “A”. The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the fellow, and on that particular day the true tone of “A” was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music. “*

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune, out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with God, we will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

As this new year begins, ask God to help tune your life every day to His word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew: “Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’”



## Poinsettias for free beginning Jan 8!

As we begin to change the environment back to Ordinary time, we will have poinsettias that are free for the taking. **Beginning January 8th.** They will be in the gathering space. Please help yourself and enjoy!

## *Prayer for the New Year*

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

*Thank you to everyone who helped with Art & Environment for Advent and the Christmas season!*

## HOSPITALITY

January 13 and 14 will be hospitality weekend in the gathering space!



If you are able to bring in something for this or can help, please contact Lois Menzies at 406-461-9843.

Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry is also hosting Clay Scott who will be speaking in between Masses in the Social Center about his experience with refugees on January 14. So grab a goodie and head on down!

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” ~ Mother Teresa

# SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

*“If you Want Peace, Work for Justice.” — Pope Paul VI*

## **2024 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

### **JANUARY - FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### **FEBRUARY - FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### **MARCH - FOR THE NEW MARTYRS**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### **APRIL - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### **MAY - FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### **JUNE - FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES**

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

### **JULY - FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### **AUGUST - FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

### **SEPTEMBER - FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

### **OCTOBER - FOR A SHARED MISSION**

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### **NOVEMBER - FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

### **DECEMBER - FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

*Let us join our hearts and prayers with the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network!*



# SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

## Our Guiding Light

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote this beautiful prayer as part of his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. Now as we begin a new year, let this prayer be our North Star, guiding our hearts and our actions toward a safer, healthier planet for all God's beloved.

## A Prayer For Our Earth

*by Pope Francis*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this Earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize  
that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

# Montana State March for Life 2024



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Facebook



ProlifeMontana.com

Hear from guest speakers:

Deborah Tilden

S.M.A.R.T. Women's  
Healthcare

Jeff Laszloffy

Montana Family Foundation

Kaitlyn Ruch

National Spokesperson  
for Students for Life of  
America

Emily Schneller

Prolife Author

Friday, January 12, 11:30 AM  
MONTANA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA  
HELENA, MT

There will be additional organizations attending this event who will provide a variety of national & state resources regarding Family and ProLife topics.

Please join us for this inspirational event that celebrates life! Please bring your families and join us for life and love. No banners or poles allowed in the rotunda, but please bring them for the outdoor prayer march. We will march in silence and prayer following the Speaking event. We pray for all the mothers and fathers, to change the hearts and minds of those promoting and working in the abortion industry, and for all those who have been harmed by abortion.



*We Are Stronger Together*

## Encountering Love



ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

You may donate to the ACA online here:  
<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp651ce5f8729a5/user/guest> or  
by check by placing your gift in the parish offertory basket. *Please make sure to identify it as a gift to the Diocese of Helena. If you decide to donate online, please indicate that you are from Saint Mary Catholic Community.*

Parish ACA Goal: \$94,300

Total to Goal: \$41,517.90

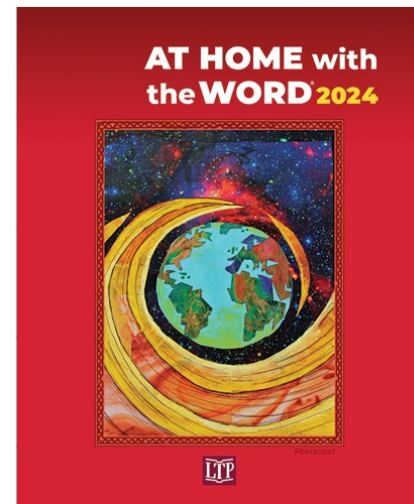
*We have achieved 44% of our pledge goal received from 21% of parish households.*

At Home with the Word 2024

Now available at the parish office!

Standard Print: \$10.00

Large Print: \$15.00



## Grief Support Group ~ A Journey of Healing

See dates below | 1:00 PM | St. Ann's | Saint Mary 1700 Missoula Ave

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, LCSW

Call the Parish Office: 406-442-5268 or Helen Beausoleil 406-459-0948.

Inviting all those who have lost a loved one to share faith and hope with others who are experiencing grief. A grief support group helps in understanding the process of grief. We come together as companions in healing. Grief support provides a safe place to talk about your loss, share your story and express your grief.

### Winter 2023 / Spring 2024 Sessions:

**January 8 (new), January 29 (ongoing), February 5 & 12 (new), February 26 (ongoing),  
March 4, 11 & 25 (new), March 19 (ongoing).**

*Ongoing group (those who have been through our "boot camp" or similar process) will meet once/month beginning September 18. Theme for our sessions: Grateful Grief. Please call Helen Beausoleil directly for more information.*

### Christmas Flower Offering

*A heartfelt thank you to all  
who donated to make our  
Christmas environment so  
beautiful and special!*

*Your loved ones are  
remembered and honored  
during this blessed season!*

### In Memory of:

Dennis Swanson

Terry Frisch

Patty Mehr

### *Catholic Journey Experience*

This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

### **All Are Welcome!**

**Men's weekend** is held at St Cyril and Methodius:

**January 11-14th 2024**

Contact [Helenacursillorector@gmail.com](mailto:Helenacursillorector@gmail.com)

**Women's weekend** is held at St Cyril & Methodius: **February 15-18, 2024**

Contact: [helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com](mailto:helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com)



*Come and Bring Your Friends!*

## **REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE AND OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD**

Presented by **Clay Scott**

Clay Scott is an Emmy award winning journalist who has traveled extensively in Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and Africa. He is a former correspondent for ABC, NPR and the Christian Science Monitor and hosted the MTPR series "Mountain West Voices." He will share his experience traveling to Ukraine, listening to refugees, and facilitating a young woman moving to Helena and becoming a student at Carroll College. He will describe his recent experiences working with young Syrian and Turkish refugees in a school near Istanbul. Clay currently lives in Helena where he helps students at Helena High School learn to create podcasts.

**Sunday Jan. 14, 2024, from 9:10—10:20 am (*between the masses*) in the social center!**

*Coffee and delicious food will be provided!*

*Sponsored by the St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry.*

*New!*

- twin blankets
- bath towels
- hand towels
- washcloths



## **Warm Hearts**

January drive for new blankets & towels  
to gift the poor on Valentine's Day

an ecumenical ministry of the  
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena



Left to right: Associates Linda McCray and Bobby Lavinder making towel sets.

### **Donations Serve**

God's Love  
Good Samaritan Ministries  
Family Promise  
YWCA  
Florence Crittenton Home  
The Friendship Center  
Rocky Mountain Development Center  
Helena Community Offender Reentry Program



**Please drop off donations for Warm Hearts in the large box located in the gathering space! Thank you for your generosity!**

*Join us for*



*Like to play Bingo? Come enjoy fun and fellowship January 14th from 2-4pm in the Social Center!*

Bring a food item to help support **Food Share** (one item per Bingo card for entry):

- Canned tomatoes
- Canned ravioli and stew
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter
- Canned beans

*Families welcome and encouraged to attend!*

FEBRUARY 9TH

# CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

## EVENT DETAILS

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING  
OF COUPLES // RECEPTION @  
THE MONTANA CLUB //  
FREE CHILDCARE



Bishop Vetter extends a warm invitation to all married couples, from the newest of newlyweds to those who have commemorated over six decades, to a night of celebration. The evening will begin at the Cathedral with Mass, where Bishop Vetter will personally bless each couple. A lively reception with appetizers and dessert will follow at the Montana Club. Every couple will walk away with a special photo capturing their blessing with Bishop Vetter.

### Date & Location

Friday, February 9th // 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena (530 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601) // Reception following Mass at the Montana Club (24 W 6th Ave, Helena, MT 59601)

### Event Details

Appetizers and Dessert included // Semi Formal Attire // \$25 per couple with childcare available at no additional cost

Please RSVP in advance at <https://diocesehelena.org/family/> or using the QR code





# SEMINARIANS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

2023-2024

Dillon Armstrong	John Cooney
Kaleb Mitchell	Riley Helgoe
Brett Rotz	Anthony Olmes
James Semling	Jamie Severson
Carter Anderson	Shae Bills
Lane Buus	Matt Keck

- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

## We Pray for all those serving in the Military

Natasha Walker	Nathan Mill
Marcus Peter	Christopher Casne
Andrew Welch	Tyler Eierdam
Ed Eve, Jr	Colby Smith
Jack Cotter	Cody Gleich
David Beatty	Andrew McGuffey
Jackson Haddon	Nicholas T Nelson
Stephen Ceo	Tristan Anne Driessen
Lucas Robson	

*By the grace of God may peace reside in every human heart and in all the world. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the Parish Office on 406-442-5268.*

## Prayers for the Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died.*

When a member of your family dies and the funeral is somewhere other than Saint Mary, please call the Pastoral Office so that we may remember them in the Prayer of the Faithful.



## HOMELESS PANTRY

Thank you so very much for your response to our parish's Homeless Pantry.

Through your generosity, we were able to keep the pantry stocked through the summer!

The Homeless Pantry continues to be a huge success with lots of individuals in need using it.

Now fall is here! We will still accept donations of food and toiletries, but we also need scarves, warm hats, bottles of water, gloves, socks.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



The Helena We Adore Him Team invites you to spend a Holy Hour with Jesus each week!  
Here's how:



1. Sign up for a free account at: [Helena.WeAdoreHim.com](https://www.helena.weadorehim.com)
2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from **5AM to 10PM.**
3. Make changes or find a substitute at the same website.
4. Need **two adorers scheduled per hour** so that Jesus is protected and never left alone, so **SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

*Jesus wants to spend more time with you...  
**SIGN UP TODAY!!!***

## Our parish is a supporter of a number of outreach organizations in town, including:



### Catholic Social Services : 406-442-4130

Guided by a commitment to respect for life, CSSM serves the varied needs of mothers, babies and children by building and strengthening families in Montana.



### De La Salle Blackfeet School: 406-338-5290

Provides a quality, innovative and faith-based education to students on Blackfeet Reservation, that they may become successful learners and able participants in the shaping of their community.



### Family Promise: 406-465-9467

Helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through an interfaith network of hospitality.



### Friendship Center: 406-442-6800

Supports victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse with a broad range of support at no charge.



### God's Love: 406-442-7000

Supports homeless in our community and helps provide food and shelter.



### Good Samaritan Ministries: 406-442-0780

Supports family life in our community and enhance human dignity with services to meet the physical health, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families.



**Guatemala Mission:** Established in 1964, our diocesan mission at Santo Tomás la Unión, Guatemala is comprised of a school, a clinic, and the mission headquarters. The mission provides essential services to poor people in the coastal highlands of the country.



### Habitat for Humanity: 406-449-4663

Self-described "Christian housing ministry" is devoted to building simple, decent, affordable housing in the Helena area. ([www.helenahabitat.org](http://www.helenahabitat.org))



### Helena Community Gardens: 406-529-1364

Makes gardening accessible to low-income families, people with disabilities and the elderly, increasing access to healthy locally grown food. Our Jubilee Garden, which donates fresh organic produce to Helena Food Share, is a member of the Helena Community Gardens family. ([www.helenagardens.org](http://www.helenagardens.org))



### Helena Food Share: 406-443-3663

Creates a hunger free community with emergency food boxes monthly and weekly produce and breads.



### Options Clinic: 406-422-1011

Guided by a commitment to respect for life, Options offers a wide range of health care services to men and women free of charge. ([www.optionsfriends.org](http://www.optionsfriends.org))

*If the good work of any of these organizations resonates with your desire to serve, please feel free to contact them—and please mention that you are from Saint Mary Catholic Community.*

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

*The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.*

Each person is **SACRED**, made in God's image, equal in dignity.

Each person is **SOCIAL**, called to participate in family and community.

All people have **RIGHTS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**, The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

We care for people who are **POOR** and vulnerable, before all else.

Workers have rights. **WORK** has dignity. We are partners with God in creation.

**SOLIDARITY** is our call. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We are for **CREATION**. We live in interdependence with all God has made.

## Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:10 PM Mass
- ♦ Fridays: Mass *at rotating sites in local care centers.*  
**Coming up:** Jan 12 11:00 AM at Touchmark; Jan 19 10:30 AM at Cooney; Jan 26 11:00 AM at Hunter's Pointe
- ♦ Wednesdays: Confessions 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
- ♦ Tuesdays: Eucharistic Adoration after the 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM
- ♦ Saturdays: 3:00—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30 PM Vigil
- ♦ Sundays: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses  
**Livestream Masses available [here](#)**
- ♦ Sunday Jan 7: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center
- ♦ Monday Jan 8: 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM Masses; 1:00 PM New Grief Group in St. Anne's; 5:30 PM—6:45 PM OCIA in St. Anne's
- ♦ Wednesday Jan 10: 3:45 PM—5:00 PM RE in social center; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions
- ♦ Friday Jan 12: 11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark
- ♦ Saturday Jan 13: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Hospitality in gathering space after 4:30 PM Vigil
- ♦ Sunday Jan 14: Hospitality in gathering space after each Mass; 9:10 AM—10:20 AM Speaker event in social center; 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Bingo in social center
- ♦ **Monday Jan 15: Parish Office & Church closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**
- ♦ Wednesday Jan 17: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; 3:45 PM—5:00 PM RE in social center; 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Youth Group in social center
- ♦ Thursday Jan 18: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Quilters in St. Anne's
- ♦ Friday Jan 19: 10:30 AM Mass at Cooney
- ♦ Saturday Jan 20: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

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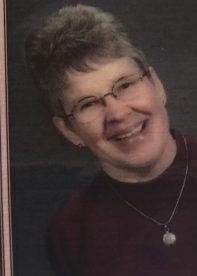
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