

Saint Mary Catholic Community



January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.””

Matthew 3:17

January 18, 2026
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

John 1:34

Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM | Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 PM

Upcoming Friday Care Center Masses: January 16 at Cooney, February 6 at Mount Ascension

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

Reconciliation: Tuesday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. and Saturday 2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

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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."

MASSES AT SAINT MARY

Sunday, January 11th—The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 41:1-4, 6-7, 10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

9:00 AM Mass— for Ray DeChristopher†
rb: Hal and Carolyn Nelson

Monday, January 12th—No Mass

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13th

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

12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Dina Beneventi

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

3:30PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, January 14th— No Mass

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

Thursday, January 15th

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

8:00 AM Mass— for Betty Fuson†

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, January 16th

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

10:30 AM Mass at Cooney for the intentions of the people at Cooney

Saturday, January 17th

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Father Tim
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Sunday, January 18th— The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3-5, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

9:00 AM Mass— for the intentions of Bob Frazer
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Monday, January 19th—No Mass

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

Tuesday, January 20th

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

12:10 PM Mass— for Burton Boyd†

rb: The Boyd Family

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, January 21st—No Mass

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

Thursday, January 22nd

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

12:10 PM Mass— for Shannon Moore†

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, December 23rd

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

12:10 PM Mass— for Marcella Boyd†

rb: The Boyd Family

Saturday, January 24th

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for Kevin Fleiner†

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Sunday January 11:** 9:00 am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:15 am First Communion
- ♦ **Monday January 12th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group
- ♦ **Tuesday January 13th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Chosen Group; 2:00 pm Book Club; 3:30 pm— 5:00 pm Confessions
- ♦ **Wednesday January 14th:** No Mass; 3:30 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday January 15th:** 8:00 am Mass
- ♦ **Friday January 16th:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney
- ♦ **Saturday January 17th:** 2:30 pm— 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- ♦ **Sunday January 18th:** 9:00 am Mass
- ♦ **Monday January 19th:** No Mass; No Prayer Group; No Grief Group; Office Closed
- ♦ **Tuesday January 20th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Chosen Group; 2:00 pm Book Club; 3:30 pm— 5:00 pm Confessions
- ♦ **Wednesday January 21st:** 3:30 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday January 22nd:** 10:30am— 3:00 pm Quilters; 12:10 pm Mass; 6:00 Journey Gathering; 6:30 pm Helena Prison Ministry Meeting
- ♦ **Friday January 23rd:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Saturday January 24:** 9:30 am Parish Day of Reflection followed by luncheon; 2:30 pm— 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass followed by Warm Hearts Talk



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Pastoral Office Hours: Mon, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. | Tuesday: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fr. Tim's Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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From Father Tim

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus as the King of Israel, and the Savior of the World. The prophets forecast the coming of the Savior for centuries, and now that prophecy has come to light, as the light of the nations is born to us. The Savior of the World is now among us, an innocent infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

May we, like our Savior who has been born among us, always seek humility in our lives, as our Lord humbled Himself to share in our humanity and to bring the power of love back to the world.

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds over the peoples. But upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears in his glory.” These are the words of the prophet Isaiah some 600 years before the coming of our Lord, and this is a time for the world to rejoice, because Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord is born to us. Because those who have lived in darkness have seen a great light, the light that no darkness can overcome.

When we follow the Lord with all of our hearts, we are at peace. Yes, we all have challenges and different situations to deal with, but we are at peace because know that the Lord is with us, the same Lord that was born in Bethlehem 2,026 years ago, the same Lord that is with us today, right now. Isaiah says, “darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds over the peoples. But upon you, the Lord shines...” Why is that? Because there are many people who had chosen then, and choose now, to live in darkness, both at the time of Christ and today.

The Lord loves us with an undivided heart and He is always seeking out the lost sheep. And there is nothing more powerful than the love and mercy of God.

But He also gives us free will to follow Him or not. May we choose life, choose love, choose hope and peace, and choose compassion and forgiveness. May we choose Jesus Christ every moment and every day of our lives. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the One and Only Way to salvation. And upon us, the Lord shines because we follow Him with all of our hearts!

The Feast of the Epiphany is meant to be a powerful time for the world as our Savior and King is born to us. The magi represent the pagan nations predicting a future for which the Israelites (in general) rejected the Christ, as Christ comes to the world for all of the world, not just a chosen few.

The magi were connected to the Persian priestly class, and were highly intelligent in astrology and other means. It was an ancient belief that a new star meant the birth of a future ruler. In today’s gospel from Matthew, the magi come to Jerusalem after a very long journey. “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.”

King Herod was very disturbed at this news. Herod was a governor, not a king. There were several Herods, but this Herod is mentioned 40 times in the New Testament. Herod Antipas was the only Herod to control Palestine as an agent of the Roman Empire. He ruled from 37 BC to 4 AD Herod was about power and control, and he would do anything to keep it, including the deaths of family members and the deaths of baby boys under the age of 2 in the region in search of destroying the newborn king.

Herod was a liar and was deceitful. He called the chief priests and scribes together to find out about this Messiah, and later gathered the astrologers together to get information about Jesus so that ‘he too could give him homage’. And his intent was anything but homage.

The astrologers went to Bethlehem, as the star lead them to the Christ. They went into the house and found the infant Jesus with Mary, his mother. They did Him homage, and gave Him gifts of gold (the identity of a king), frankincense (recognized as a divine priest), and myrrh— foreshadowing His eventual death and resurrection. The astrologers got a message in a dream to not return to Herod, but to go home another way. The magi were in the presence of the Christ, as they were in awe of what was taking place, the Savior of the worlds was in their midst, and they were filled with joy and amazement.

The newborn King is in our midst right now. He will come to us through the power of the Eucharist, giving us the strength to be other Christs. The best gift that we can give our Lord is our own authenticity, to be our true to our Lord, true to ourselves, and true to those around us. He made us in His image. On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we give our Lord the gift of ourselves and follow Him with all of our hearts. Praised be Jesus Christ; the Word made Flesh, now and forever!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

Pope’s Intentions for January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

As praying stewards, we gathered together as a community for the Christmas celebration of our Lord’s birth and to honor His mother at the Solemnity.

As ministering stewards, we took a well deserved break to celebrate Christmas.

As sacrificing stewards,

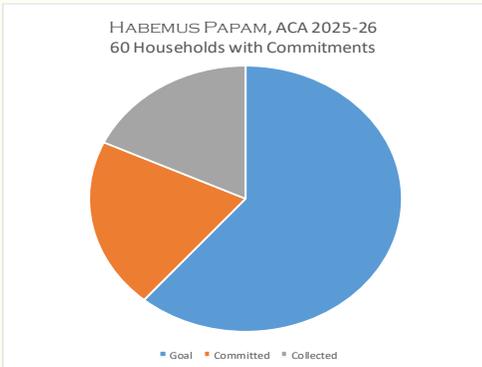
Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Received: 7/1/25 – 12/31/25	\$249,570.04
Fiscal Year 2025-25 Budgeted: 7/1/25 – 12/31/25	\$244,751.00
(Difference: Received – Budget):	\$ 4,819.04

Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts: (FY 2025-26: 7/1/25 – 12/31/25)

Gutter Replacement/Office (Completed)	\$ 3,000
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	<u>\$17,512</u>
Current Need:	\$20,512
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	\$14,577
Difference: (Received – Need):	(\$ 5,935)

Gutter Replacement Office: Completed 11/20/25; final cost: \$3,520. *Thank you Saint Mary Catholic Community for your generosity!*



Goal	\$ 89,600.00	29.61% of Goal
Committed	\$ 30,319.00	
Collected	\$ 26,394.00	

SUPPORT THOSE IN MOST NEED

The situation of poverty in rural Guatemala diminishes access to education and medical care for many indigenous people who live in the area of Guatemala’s *Boca Costa* served by the Helena Mission. At Santiago de La Asunción School, a Jesuit-sponsored group, Fe y Alegria, is providing for direct education costs. At the same time, your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal provides a boarding opportunity for young people who live at a distance, as well as building maintenance and other administrative costs. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal also allows the Clinica Maxeña to provide for all who come seeking medical attention, including those who cannot afford the minimal consultation fee (about \$5), and to assist with costs for those who need specialized care (such as cancer treatment) at a Guatemala City or other regional medical facility. We are grateful for your financial support, which translates into medical and educational services that begin to improve the lives of the indigenous people living in the Mission area. Please keep the work of the Guatemala Mission in your prayers.



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
& Bobby Lavinder making towel sets.

*SCL Associates are persons who share in the spirit
of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Community.*

Donations Serve

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

2 Ways to Donate

Place your gift in our donation boxes.
Online orders through our Amazon Gift Registry.



Look for our boxes!



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Amazon.com Gift Registry



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

First Communion Class will be held on
Sunday, January 11th from 10:15 am to
11:15 am in the Social Center

A parent/guardian must also attend the
class!

Contact Dawn or Lori for any questions!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Children's Liturgy of the Word will
resume on January 11th at the 9:00 am
Mass, but will not take place on
January 18th.

Exploring the Rich Story of Our Church

Beginning in January, join us for a special
series on Church History. Together, we'll
journey through the centuries—discovering
the roots of our Catholic faith, the lives of
saints and reformers, and the ways the
Holy Spirit has guided the Church through
challenges and triumphs.

**We will meet on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to
2:30 pm in the Social Center beginning
January 13th!**

All are Welcome!!!!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Help Needed

We are excited to be building a **new atrium for Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**, serving our elementary-aged children. CGS is a Montessori-based approach to faith formation that nurtures the child's relationship with God through Scripture, liturgy, prayer, beauty, and silence.

An atrium is a sacred space, not a classroom, where the spiritual life can be lived. It is carefully prepared with simple, beautiful, hands-on materials such as dioramas, small figures of biblical people, and geographic materials like the map of Israel and the City of Jerusalem. Everything in the atrium is rooted in Scripture and the liturgy.

We prayerfully invite you to help prepare materials for this new atrium. We are looking for **woodworkers, sewers, painters, people with good handwriting and anyone willing to help**—no prior experience needed. Detailed instructions and Scripture for reflection will be provided. Materials are needed by the **end of August**.

Please review the list of needs [HERE](#) and sign up for an item that interests you. You will be contacted with more information and can decide if you would like to commit.

For more information, contact Dawn!

Important Dates for Youth Group

Youth Group Meeting: January 14th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Youth Group Meeting: January 21st form 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Class on January 25 from 10:15 am to 11:15 am

Confirmation Preparation

Candidates for Confirmation and their Sponsors will meet on Sunday, January 25th from 10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Social Center If your sponsor is not able to attend, please bring a parent with you.

Call Dawn at the Parish Office for more information!!!!

Legendary Lodge Scholarship Fund

Legendary Lodge Camp is a **life-changing faith experience** for our youth. Each year, **25–30 teens from our parish** attend camp, and many are only able to go because of the support of the **Legendary Lodge Scholarship Fund**. The cost to attend camp is **\$450**, and your generosity helps ensure that no youth is unable to attend due to financial hardship.

If you would like to donate or learn more, please contact **Dawn**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our youth!



2026 Summer Camp Season

CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 14-19 Junior High #1

July 12-17 High School #2

June 21-26 High School #1

July 19-24 Junior High #2

July 5-10 5/6th Grade Boys

July 26-31 5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5th**. Opens for all other registrants Jan 9th.



Join us for
Family Camp!

June 28-30

**Registrations open
March 2nd, 2026**

Camp Rates

Early Bird
(Register before Jan 25th)

\$425

Standard Rate:

\$450

Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Parish Diversity Celebration ~ Finding Home with St. Joseph

Springtime in Missouri is lovely. Before summer launches its oppressive heat and humidity there are many opportunities to enjoy the blooming of the Dogwood Trees, the calling of the cicadas and the soft glow of the lightning bugs. It was the place I called home for four such summers. Accustomed to the prairie life of Saskatchewan, I found the place, people and happenings of Jefferson City, MO to be intriguing, faith filled, and genuine with perhaps one exception. These good and Catholic people insisted that the only sure way to sell a home was to bury a statue of St. Joseph upside down several feet from the home. It was an unfamiliar practice to me.

Bury St. Joseph? The St. Joseph? My earliest remembrance of St. Joseph is from the Living Nativity of Christmas 1968 at Alvin Buckwold Public Elementary School in Saskatoon, SK. I was invited to fulfill the role of Mary while an equally proud young man stood next to me fulfilling the role of Joseph. I knew the story of Joseph and Mary traveling and finding that there was no room at the Inn for them. Somehow a wooden manger was found, and the baby was laid upon some straw. Joseph, standing upright, next to Mary and the baby Jesus is our common experience of the Nativity. As the years passed and my faith grew, I did come to understand the rest of that Nativity Story. An evil King threatened the wellbeing of the baby. Following a dream Joseph took Mary and Jesus to a new home in Egypt to keep them safe. When the time was right, Joseph returned to Nazareth and took Mary and Jesus into his home. Already he had provided a home in the stable, a home in Egypt and a home among their people.

When the time came to list our Jefferson City home for sale I sought the wise counsel of our Immaculate Conception Parish Priest, Father Mark Smith. I explained my confusion about the statue being buried. He, knowing me as a non-Catholic and woman of faith, said he would bless a statue for me if I promised to not bury it in my yard but instead let it be a reminder to me to ask for the intercession of St. Joseph to assist in the selling of our current home and the selection of a new home for our family in Montana. I readily agreed to pray but did not purchase a statue. At that time St. Joseph was my only friend named Joseph.

The months passed, I prayed, and we purchased a home in Montana to occupy in July of 1998, but our Missouri home didn't sell. The Mayflower moving truck pulled up in front of our home on a Friday morning. A confident driver came into our home, extended his hand and introduced himself. His name was Joseph. He loaded our household goods and drove away as we prepared to drive to Sioux City, IA on Saturday. Arriving in Sioux City we quickly checked the yellow pages (it was 1998) for a Catholic Church with an early Mass. There is an 8:15 am at St. Joseph's, Michael stated with a smirk on his face. We exchanged many glances throughout that Mass. After another long day of driving we visited our new home, which was still under construction, on Monday. The carpenter smiled, extended his hand and introduced himself. His name was Joseph. He would continue the construction of our home while we waited for our home in Missouri to sell. On Wednesday we received a FAX (1998 again) offer for the purchase of our Missouri home. The buyer's name was Joseph. Four Josephs in 6 days. I have since surrounded myself and our home with images of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph invited me to believe in a new way. I was already a Christian believer but often found myself questioning the practices and traditions of the Catholic Church that were somewhat foreign to me. I had been attending Catholic Masses for 20 years when I experienced the intercession of this Saint. St. Joseph brought me home to Montana and to a Church that I could call home. I joined RCIA (OCIA) that fall and have never doubted for one minute that the Saints are present to us and willing to intercede on our behalf. The Saint who stood by Mary and took the long way home and raised a son who would die on a wooden cross for us is ever present to us. When I see a Church or a hospital named for St. Joseph I know to pray. I pray in gratitude for all the prayers answered because of his intercession and in wonderment for all that is currently happening to keep someone safe and bring someone home.

~ Glenda Seipp

Care for Creation

Our Guiding Light

This beautiful prayer is one of the closing prayers in the powerful 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



2025 Christmas Flower Donations

In Memory Of	In Honor Of	Gifted By
Bill & Barbara Bisom		Michele Hunter
		Jody Bisom Brandt
		Catherine Bisom
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Ballas Family		Jill & Tom Larson
Patty S. Mehr		Fritz Mehr

You're Invited to Our
Fireside Gala

Saturday,

January 24, 2026

101 S. Walnut St., Townsend
Holy Cross Church.

Enjoy a cozy night out!

Steak dinner with appetizers,
salad, main course, and dessert.

\$50/plate

Seating times:

4:00pm, 5:00pm, or 6:00pm

Bring your own beer or wine!

For reservations
call: 406-266-4811
or scan the QR code

Proceeds go to Holy Cross Church



The Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry Invites You

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THEN AND NOW

Reflection by

Mary Lou Abbott

Saint Mary Catholic Community Parishioner



Mary Lou will share her **personal experience** of hearing him present his vision of a **religiously-grounded movement for human rights** to a small group, provide information about

Dr. King's **philosophy**, play an excerpt of a **tape of him speaking**, and explore the ways his **ideas inspire us** in today's world.

Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 pm in the Social Center

Women Volunteers Needed

The Diocese of Helena Prison Ministry Team has been asked to provide ministry to the women incarcerated at Riverside Correctional Facility in Boulder. To do that, we are recruiting women in our diocese to obtain the necessary training to be part of a team who would serve in such a capacity, starting in late spring or early summer of 2026. **There will be an informational meeting for all who may be interested in becoming part of this much-needed ministry on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm in the St. Anne's Room at Saint Mary Catholic Community** (access off of Missoula Avenue). If you have questions or need more information, please

contact:

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Parish Day of Reflection

Saturday, January 24th • 9:30 am–12:30 pm

(Lunch included)



We're thrilled to welcome **Fr. Dan Shea** as this year's presenter for our **Parish Day of Reflection**, diving into the powerful theme "**Falling Upward**"

Drawing inspiration from Richard Rohr's insights, this day will explore how the very moments we experience as "falling"—our failures, losses, disappointments, and unexpected turns—can actually become the gateway to deeper spiritual growth.

Rather than seeing these moments as setbacks, Rohr teaches that God often uses them to loosen our grip on ego, open our hearts, and guide us into a more authentic, grace-filled relationship with Him. What looks like breaking down can become breaking open.

Come be renewed, encouraged, and surprised by the ways God works in our struggles to draw us closer to Himself.

All are invited!

RSVP [HERE](#) or call the Parish Office!



Special Olympic Athletes



Mo Leo will be selling tickets for the Special Olympics again this year during the weekend of January 31st and February 1st and February 14th and 15th after each Mass in the Gathering Space! There are many prizes to win! Please cash or checks only. You can write the check to SOMT. Thank you for supporting "Special Olympic Athletes."

Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty if we are strong. (Ps 90:10)



On January 29th, by the grace of God, I'll complete my 80th year...younger than some, older than others. Our "kids" are celebrating this life well-lived by inviting you to a get-together on **Saturday, January 31st, from 1-4 pm downstairs at the Brewhouse, 939 Getchell.** Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, conversation, good company...no gifts, please!
RSVP (optional) to Therese at (206)799-3898 or Jim, Jr. at (406)431-3687.



Jim Tucker

Save the Date!

Mardi Gras dinner on Tuesday, February 17th. More details to follow later!

Parish Prayer Chain



Prayer is a powerful way we practice loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the Parish Office to have your prayer request put on the email prayer chain. Your request can include the person's name or be anonymous. To join the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office (406) 442-5268. If you'd like to be a part of the parish prayer chain and don't have access to email, please call Keaton at the parish office to sign up with your telephone number. As prayers are received at the parish, you will receive a phone call, making it possible for you to participate in this important prayer ministry.



Parish Administrator

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Parish Administrator to provide support for the day-to-day general operation and management of the parish. The Parish Administrator will direct ministries of worship, education and formation, human and social justice concerns, finance and budget, human resources and administration. The Parish Administrator works in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Pastor, and in cooperation with other parish leadership to motivate, enable, and affirm the parish community in its efforts. The Parish Administrator supports the vision and mission of Saint Mary Catholic Community.

Candidates must be an active participant in the work of the Catholic Church, a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and be able to partake in the sacramental life of the Church. An advanced degree (Bachelor's or Master's) in Business Administration/Management or equivalent education/experience is requested. A degree in Pastoral Ministry is preferred. Three years' experience in administration of an organization or program is desired. This is a fulltime, salaried position, with benefits. Annual salary range is \$60,000 - \$63,500, depending on experience.

For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at www.stmaryhelena.org.

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*The Church's social teaching shows us how to
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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, and 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.

Blessing Box

Thank you all for your continued support for
Saint Mary's Blessing Box.
With winter having arrived, we are in need for
gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, and small
blankets.
And, of course, we still need food items that
can be consumed without utensils as well as
hygiene items.
Please, do not put canned goods in the
Blessing Box; canned goods should be given
to Food Share.
Blessings to you all in 2026!

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

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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.

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)

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)

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.


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FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

2025-2026

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Riley Helgoe	Matt Keck
Carson Gorton	Anthony Olmes
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