

Saint Mary Catholic Community



January 25th, 2026
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 4:17

February 1st, 2026
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Matthew 5:11

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: February 6 at Mount Ascension, February 12 at Touchmark

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 25th—The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

9:00 AM Mass— for Larry Boyd†
rb: The Boyd Family

Monday, January 26th—No Mass
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27th—No Mass
2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
No Confessions

Wednesday, January 28th—No Mass
2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29th—No Mass
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29

Friday, January 30th—No Mass
2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31st
2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
2:30 PM—3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for Doug Boyd†
rb: The Boyd Family

Sunday, February 1st—The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

9:00 AM Mass— for Peter Sullivan†
rb: Catherine Ortwein

Monday, February 2nd—No Mass
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Tuesday, February 3rd
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Diana Kulow
rb: Betty Lahn

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, February 4th—No Mass
2 Samuel 7:24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5th
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:14-29
12:10 PM Mass— for Jacob Wheeler†
rb: Mary and Michael Crowe

Friday, February 6th
Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

Saturday, February 7th
1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
2:30 PM—3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Rose Ann Bradley
rb: Betty Lahn



Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Sunday January 25th:** 9:00 am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:15 am Confirmation Class
- ♦ **Monday January 26th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; No Grief Group
- ♦ **Tuesday January 27th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Church History Group; *No Mass; No Confessions*
- ♦ **Wednesday January 28th:** *No Mass*; 3:30 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday January 29th:** *No Mass*
- ♦ **Friday January 30th:** *No Mass*
- ♦ **Saturday January 31st:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass; Special Olympic Ticket Sale following Mass
- ♦ **Sunday February 1st:** 9:00 am Mass; Special Olympic Ticket Sale following Mass
- ♦ **Monday February 2nd:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; *Happy Groundhog Day!*
- ♦ **Tuesday February 3rd:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Church History Group; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- ♦ **Wednesday February 4th:** 3:30 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group; 5:30 pm Rosary
- ♦ **Thursday February 5th:** 10:30am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday February 6th:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension
- ♦ **Saturday February 7th:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass



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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

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Samuel 17:32-22, 37, 40-51

The Philistines were a tribe that inhabited a portion of the Land of Canaan, better known as the Promised Land to the Israelites. The Philistines were originally from the Mediterranean region and were known for following false gods. That, in and of itself, was a reason that the Philistines despised the Israelites, because of their strong faith in God. The Philistines were strong warriors and they did anything they could to keep their edge against their enemy.

In the reading from 1st Samuel on the Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, David went to Saul with a request to fight a huge Philistine who was a warrior for years and had a strong hatred and jealousy of the Israelites. Saul told David that there was no way that he should encounter the huge Philistine because he was a warrior for years, and David was young.

But David had complete trust in the Lord as the Lord had gotten him out of difficult situations before, and David knew He would be with him in his encounter with the Philistine. The two came within feet of each other, and the Philistine told David that he was going to kill him. But David had no fear; he would call on the Lord to strike the pagan giant down and let the Philistines know that there is a God and not a bunch of false gods that they had worshipped for years. David took a stone out of his bag, hurled it with a sling, struck the Philistine on the forehead, and killed the giant immediately.

Powerful faith is not limited to adults. The Holy Spirit works in powerful ways to people of every age. David, St. Maria Goretti, recently canonized St. Carlo Acutis, and Saint Agnes of Rome were all young men and women who sought the Lord with all of their hearts.

St. Agnes was born in the year 291 in Rome. She was raised in the Christian family, beautiful in appearance, and was highly sought out for her hand in marriage. But early in her life, St. Agnes promised the Lord that she would never stain her purity.

The same group of men who sought Agnes's hand in marriage were the same ones who turned against her for her rejection to them as they submitted her name to the authorities as a Christian follower.

At one point, Procup, the son of the governor, brought Agnes to his father and accused her of being a Christian. The governor promised her all kinds of gifts if she would deny her faith. Agnes refused. Then the governor put her in chains, thinking that it would change her mind. Agnes's face radiated with joy as she held firm to her faith.

Next stop was a place of sin, but an angel protected Agnes. Finally, Agnes was condemned to death. She was like a bride on her wedding day: full of love and joy as she laid down her life for the Lord.

May we trust in the Lord with all of our hearts. May we deny ourselves, take up our Crosses, and follow Him. And may we rejoice and be filled with great joy as Jesus Christ is with us now and always, and His love endures forever. Praised be Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, now and forever!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

Pope's Intentions for February 2025

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards, we gathered together as a community to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 11th.

As ministering stewards, we gathered to learn about Martin Luther King Jr. at the “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Then and Now” reflection by Mary Lou Abbott, and for the Parish Day of Reflection presented by Fr. Dan Shea.

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	<u>\$244,751.00</u>
(Difference: Received – Budget):		\$ 4,819.04

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

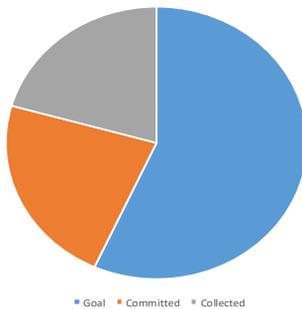
Gutter Replacement/Office (Completed)	\$ 3,000
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	<u>\$17,512</u>
Current Need:	\$20,512
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	\$14,577
Difference: (Received – Need):	(\$ 5,935)

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

“Live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!” Program at Saint Mary Catholic Community. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of Saint Mary Catholic Community. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on February 7th and 8th. If you have any questions regarding the “Live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!” Program, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

HABEMUS PAPAM, ACA 2025-26
50 Households with Commitments



Goal	\$ 89,600.00	36.45 % of Goal
Committed	\$ 35,744.26	
Collected	\$ 3,251.26	

Formation for our Seminarians and Continuing Formation for our Priests

Our sacrificial gifts to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal help provide appropriate theological education and formation for our seminarians as well as continuing education/formation opportunities for our priests. Our prayers and generous contributions to the 20245 Annual Catholic Appeal are in response to our belief in God’s call for us to be His disciples of peace, justice, faith, hope and charity. Our priests teach us about Discipleship and journey with us as we discern our calling to prayer, ministry and sacrifice.

Let us nurture vocations, sharing our gifts in service and gratitude.



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
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YWCA
The Friendship Center
Rocky Mountain Development Center
Helena Community Offender Reentry Program

2 Ways to Donate

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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, February 1st 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 be
offered at both the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am
Masses the weekend of January 24th and
25th!



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 21st from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

Youth Group Meeting: January 28th from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm

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

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Then and Now

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail, April 16, 1963

The reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in the transformative power of love and the importance of doing what is right. He committed his life to and took nonviolent action for social change: for peace and freedom, for opportunity and equality, for racial, economic, social justice and human rights for all. He found ways to face a dark, difficult reality and to remain optimistic. He based it all on prayer, scripture, and his faith in God.

In 1968 Martin Luther King gave a speech at Ohio Northern University which articulated many of his key themes.

***Ongoing Struggle:** King emphasized that racial inequality and segregation were far from over, requiring continued national effort, not complacency.

***Global Revolution:** He framed the fight for civil rights as part of a worldwide “freedom of explosion” against colonialism and injustice, urging the understanding of “an idea whose time has come.”

***Coalition of Conscience:** He expressed faith in developing a united front of concerned people to overcome despair and build brotherhood, transforming discord into harmony.

***Call to Action:** He challenged the audience to engage in dialogue, and to actively work for positive change, stating that noncooperation with evil is a moral duty.

***Hope and Love:** Despite the hardships, King maintained his core message of hope, urging love and non-violence even towards oppressors, believing in the potential for transformation.”

A few months after he gave this speech, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39. He remains a powerful role model and inspiration for us in our work for “liberty and justice for all.”

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Oslo Norway, 1964

Mary Lou Abbott recently shared her personal experience of hearing Martin Luther King present his vision of a spiritually grounded movement for human rights, provided information about Dr. King’s philosophy and explored the ways his ideas can inspire us in today’s world. You can watch the video at <https://youtu.be/OgicRF-iDsw>

Care for Creation

Care for Creation Ministry – Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home and his addition of Care for God's Creation to Catholic Social Teaching inspire our ministry. Since 2019 we have written 264 full page bulletin articles to help raise awareness, educate and inspire action for God's creation in our parish. **Our ministry is now moving towards a more flexible format with articles of various lengths from short messages to occasional full-page articles.** We hope this new format continues to build a community that cherishes, protects, advocates and acts for our earth. We thank you for your work and your care for all of creation.

Warming in Montana– Did you know?

“Our planet already has a natural blanket of heat-trapping gases that keep us alive. But by burning fossil fuels, the **emissions are like an extra blanket we're wrapping around our planet and as a result, the temperatures on the earth keep rising.** Today **the climate is changing faster than any time in the history of humans on this planet.** Over tens of thousands of years, the earth's average temperature has gone up and down. But over the last century, it has gone up so steeply that it is now warmer than any time during human civilization on this planet.” (Katharine Hayhoe-climate scientist)

Montana is warming and will warm more dramatically as more and more greenhouse gases are released into our atmosphere.

Annual average temperatures increased across Montana between 1951 and 2020 by 1.86°F. Winter and spring in Montana have experienced the most warming; by 3.14°F between 1950 and 2020.

Montana's growing season length is increasing due to the earlier onset of spring and more extended summers; we are also experiencing **more warm days and fewer cool nights.** From 1951-2020, the growing season increased by 9.5 days.

Montana is projected to continue to warm in all geographic locations, seasons, and under all emission scenarios throughout the 21st century.

Midcentury (2050), increase by 2.9-4.8°F

By the end-of-century (2100), by 3.1-8.7°F

[\(Montana Climate Assessment Update, Montana Climate Office - November 2022\)](#)

Cliff Stevens, a retired Air Force meteorologist, solar observatory operator, and member of the Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates shared some of the following thoughts in the December 2025 IR Religion Column:

“Winter has been the fastest-warming season for most of the U.S. since 1970, increasing the likelihood of winter precipitation falling as rain rather than snow. Warmer winters are disrupting the water cycle in the western U.S., which relies on mountain snowpack for much of its freshwater supply. Decades of shrinking snowpack has reduced snow-derived freshwater in the west by 15-30% since 1955...

“Much of the damage to our environment stems from consumption: what we consume, how much we consume and how often. Whether it's gas, food, clothing, cars, furniture, water, toys, electronics, knick-knacks or other goods, we are all consumers. The key is not to stop consuming, but to start **being mindful of our consumption habits and how each purchase or action affects the ecosystem...**

“Here are 12 ways you can start to protect the environment today: consume less, compost, choose reusable over single-use, upcycle more, recycle properly, shop secondhand, buy local, use fewer chemicals, walk/bike/carpool, use less water, use your purchasing power for good and conserve electricity.”

In the words of Pope Leo, “Care for creation is truly a vocation for every human being. We are creatures among creatures, entrusted with the responsibility to care for all that the creator has made.”

CALLED TO PEACE

COORDINATED BY OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY AND SAINT MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND CARROLL COLLEGE, THIS LENTEN SERIES GUIDES PARTICIPANTS IN EXPLORING HOW SACRED SCRIPTURE, CHURCH TEACHING, AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FORM THE CATHOLIC VISION OF PEACE IN A COMPLEX WORLD.

02/23
at
SMCC

The Bible and Peace: Dr. Cameron Ferguson & Dr. Jeanette Fregulia

This session invites us to listen to how God speaks of peace throughout the Bible. From God's promise of shalom to Jesus' words, "Peace be with you," we will reflect on peace as God's gift — one that heals relationships and restores wholeness in our lives.

03/02
at
OLV

Popes John XXIII and Paul VI on Peace: Dr. Elvira Roncalli & Dr. John Ries

In times of fear, division, and global tension, the Church has continually lifted up a vision of peace rooted in human dignity. This talk explores how Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI called the world to peace through justice, dialogue, and care for one another.

03/09
at
SMCC

The Just War Theory: Dr. Eric Meyer

This talk reflects on how the Church has struggled faithfully with questions of war and peace. By examining the Just War tradition and the debates surrounding it, we are invited to consider how our conscience, faith, and hope in Christ guide us toward peace.

03/16
at
OLV

Pope Leo XIII and Peace: Dr. John Ries

Pope Leo XIII reminds us that peace cannot exist without justice. This session reflects on how caring for workers, respecting human dignity, and building a just society are essential steps toward a peaceful world.

03/23
at
SMCC

Spirituality and Peace: Dr. Katherine Greiner

Peace is not only something we seek in the world — it is something God longs to cultivate within us. This final session focuses on prayer, trust in God, and conversion of heart as the foundation for living as Christ's peacemakers.

Time: Mondays During Lent from 6:30pm-8:00pm
Location: Will alternate between OLV and SMCC



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Men's

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Join Fr. Cody Williams and other men for a weekend of prayer, skiing/snowboarding, and fraternal time. For more information go to holycrossmt.org/skiretreat

\$50

(covers food & lodging;
lift ticket
not included)

INFO & SIGN UP





Devotions on Draft



Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on January 26 at 6:00 P.M. with guest speaker David Casey. We will meet at Lewis and Clark Tap Room in the Grotto area by the staircase.

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



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."

Cookies by the Dozen for Senior Valentine Tea



Cookies are needed by the end of the day February 10th for the Valentine Tea on February 11th. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to donate cookies by the dozen. Thank you for your generosity!



Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras dinner on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 catered by our own parishioner Chef Patrick Kander. The menu includes: Chicken and sausage jambalaya, smoky red beans and rice, seafood gumbo (shrimp, crab, aromatics, tomatoes, stock), tossed salad (creole mustard vinaigrette, greens, tomatoes, red onion), mac n' cheese for kids, sourdough rolls, dessert and punch. **RSVP by February 12th** by signing up on the kiosk, calling the parish office at (406) 442-5268, or [HERE](#). The cost is \$8 per person or \$30 for a family. Come and enjoy a fantastic meal, fellowship and enjoy the special entertainment offered in the Social Center.

2026 16th Annual Men's Lenten Retreat

Sponsored by the Ironmen Catholic Men's Seminar Series

Saturday, February 14th from 7:15 am– 4:00 pm at St. Ann's Parish: 2100 Farragut St. Butte, MT. Open to men of all faiths, parishes, and ages. Offered at no charge, compliments of St. Ann's Parish. RSVP by February 11th. Light breakfast, full lunch, and refreshments provided.

For more information, call or text Jem Bellandi at (406)560-2857

Please arrive on time for the start of Mass at 7:15 am.



The Parish Diversity Celebration Invites You to Celebrate

Saint Joseph Patron of the Universal Church

And Her Blessed Diversity

Take 5 minutes to see and reflect on the new display at the Saint Joseph place in the Gathering Space as the **Holy Family migrates to Egypt** to avoid persecution. What do we learn about Saint Joseph? How does Saint Joseph teach and inspire us in today's world?

Interested in knowing more about the Sisters of Charity Associates?

Associates are men and women who share in the charism, mission, and spirit of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Community.

Meet-and-Greet

Special Guest: Sister Mary Jo McDonald

Visiting from the Motherhouse, Leavenworth, Kansas

Thursday, January 29

1:00 pm

Location: Saint Mary Catholic Community, Social Center

RSVP to Linda McCray, LindaMcCrayArt@gmail.com, 406 439-2073

Associate Info: <https://www.scls.org/associates/>



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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.

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelena.org. This position will remain open until filled.



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.

For the Security of Our Parish

The signs on the church have been removed, but the church doors will still be locked 10 minutes after all weekend Masses due to recent safety concerns, so get here early!

Hospital Communion Ministry

Please call the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from a Communion Minister or Father Tim.
(406)442-5268.

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, 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



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.

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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Stephen Ceo	Andrew McGuffey
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Dillan Edgar	Marcus Peter
Tyler Eierdam	Lucas Robson
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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.

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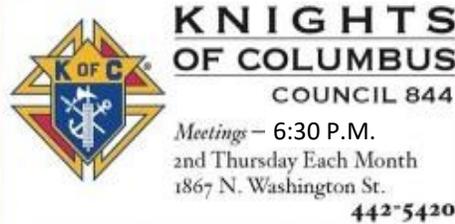
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