

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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Livestream

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

Feb 9—11:00 AM Touchmark

Feb 16—10:30 AM Cooney

Feb 23—11:00 AM Hunter's Pointe

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4th, 2024

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Mark 1:29-39

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11th, 2024

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean." *Mark 1:40-45*

Events Coming up!

- ⇒ **Bingo:** Sunday, Feb 4th from 2pm to 4pm in social center. **All families are welcome!** Come anytime and bring your items (*soap, razors, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream*) for God's Love.
- ⇒ **Hospitality:** After each Mass in gathering space on Feb 10th & 11th.
- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday Masses:** Feb 14th at 12:10pm & 5:30pm.
- ⇒ **Save the Date:** March 12 at 6:30 pm in social center; an **evening of reflection, remembrance and honoring all our personal losses during Covid.** Stay tuned! *Refreshments will be served.*



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

Sunday, February 4th—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4; 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19; 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

8:00 AM Mass—for Tim Schroeder †

rb: Mary Schroeder

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

Monday, February 5th—No Mass

1 Kings 8:1-7; 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6th

1 Kings 8:22-23; 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Angie & Justin Willey

rb: Carol Swanson-Frisch

Wednesday, February 7th

1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

12:10 PM Mass—for Harry Downs †

rb: Rosemarie Bertoglio

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 8th

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

12:10 PM Mass—for Lorraine Tucker †

rb: Gail Lannan

Friday, February 9th

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37

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

Saturday, February 10th

Leviticus 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for the intentions of Barbara Schaeffer

rb: Jill Keating

Sunday, February 11th—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

8:00 AM Mass—for the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass—for Lyla Tabaracci †

rb: The Bennetts

Monday, February 12th—No Mass

James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13th

James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

12:10 PM Mass—for Robert Coleman †

rb: Nancy Coleman

Wednesday, February 14th—Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

12:10 PM Mass—for Lorraine Tucker †

rb: Jim Tucker

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Mass—for David Marsh †

rb: Cindy Gleich

Thursday, February 15th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

12:10 PM Mass—for Vi Coleman †

rb: Gail Lannan

Friday, February 16th

Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15

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

5:30 PM—Evening Prayer followed by Soup & Bread in social center

Saturday, February 17th

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Jacob Wheeler †

rb: Mike & Mary Crowe



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: Family and friends gathered to celebrate the wedding of Logan Dahinden and Bromley Maharg.

As ministering stewards: Our current parishioners gathered at our “Meet and Greet” social to welcome our new parishioners and connect with each other.

As sacrificing stewards:	01/07/24	&	01/14/24
Pew/Mail:	\$6,456		\$3,390
Direct:	\$1,713		\$1,360
Online:	\$2,219		\$2,009
Total	\$10,388		\$6,759

Stewardship Income (revised)

FY 23-4	7/1/23 – 12/30/23	\$273,181
FY 22-3	7/1/22 – 12/30/22	\$256,549
Difference		\$ 16,632

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30

Total Monthly Income (December) \$66,722

Average Monthly Expenses \$60,000

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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Pastoral Council Members: Mary Lou Abbott, Jan Buyske, Rick Duane, Andy Galen, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Casey Molloy, Cari Schwen and Jim Tucker, Sr.

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 February 2024

For the terminally ill

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



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

From Dawn

SAVE THE DATE FOR LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION!

Date: Sunday, February 25th

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

Presenter: Jeanette Fregulia

Hosted by St. Francis Peace Through Justice
Ministry and Faith Formation

**More information coming in the next bulletin!*

“The Chosen”

*The Chosen Viewing and Discussion Group
will meet on Thursday, February 8th and
15th from 1pm to 2:30pm.*

We will continue watching Season 2!

All are welcome to join us!

First Reconciliation class Sunday February 11th

*First Communion class will be held on
Sunday, February 11th from 9:15am to
10:15am in the Social Center.*

Contact Lori or Dawn for more information!

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Taken from USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len>

YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, February 7th: Helena Deanery Youth Groups meeting at the Flying Giant from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.

Wednesday, February 14th: No Youth Group meeting because of Ash Wednesday Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday,

February 25th from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Note this is a change from our February 11th date.

We will meet in the social center.

Candidates should bring their sponsor or another adult with them to each Confirmation meeting.

Please contact Dawn at the Parish Office if you have any questions!

Helena Deanery Meeting at the Flying Giant Adventure Park!

When: Wednesday, February 7th

Time: 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Sponsored by Carroll College Admissions

Parents, please be sure to sign the waiver before dropping your child off!

You can find the waiver

[HERE!](#)



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!

Liturgical Life

Dr. Wendy Yuen

Bring Forth the Kingdom



In early January of this year, my husband Bill and I returned to Hong Kong. During our visit, we enjoyed quality time with our family and friends in this cosmopolitan city, surrounded by picturesque mountains. One memorable adventure included hiking on section two of the Wilson Trail, where we were captivated by the breathtaking views from the mountaintop.

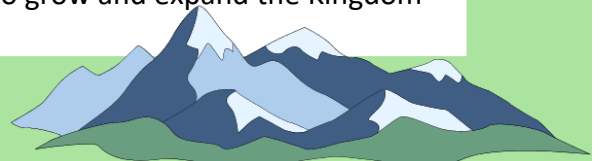
The highlight of our trip was an experience at my mother church. I had the privilege of playing the organ and conducting the choir, followed by a delightful banquet at a Chinese restaurant. Engaging in joyous conversations and sharing moments with my former church friends, discussing their lives and developments in the church, was heartwarming. These interactions served as a powerful reminder that people around the world are dedicated to spreading the Gospel and expanding God's kingdom.

A chef knows when and how much salt to add to a dish as salt both balances and enhances the flavor of other ingredients. We are “salt for the Kingdom of God” and we should “share the flavor of life” to those around us. It might seem small and insignificant to us, but God would magnify and serve His greater purpose.

Marty Haugen (b. 1950) is a prolific liturgical composer from Minnesota. Raised in an American Lutheran Church, he graduated from Luther College with a degree in Psychology. His first job as a church musician was in a Catholic parish during the time when important liturgical and musical changes occurred after Vatican II. He wrote music appropriate to the liturgy in the Mass while at the same time, studied and eventually graduated with a Master's degree in Pastoral Leadership at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul Minnesota. He is well known for his contribution to Christian music and liturgy, used in both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.

Haugen writes the text of this hymn which is based on Matthew 5:13-16. It is a hymn that expounds on God's calling each of us to be salt and light in the world (verse one and two). In addition, we are “seed of the Word” (verse three). We are a pilgrim people (verse four) and we are journeying with God to bring forth the Kingdom.

Let everyone of us contribute our unique gift, our salt, to grow and expand the Kingdom of God!



Thoughts
from Deb

Pastoral Care

As we begin to prepare for Lent we will focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This 40-day journey, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14th and ending with Holy Week.



It is also when CRS (Catholic Relief Services) asks us to help families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the world overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place.

Again we are invited to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Rice bowls will be available to pick up in the gathering space beginning the weekend of February 10th and 11th.

You can pick up your rice bowl beginning the weekend of February 10th and 11th. They will be due back on Holy Thursday.

ART & ENVIRONMENT

If you are interested in helping prepare the Worship space for specific feast days, please contact Deb in the parish office.

This could involve a variety of duties, such as watering existing plants, repotting, setting the space for specific Feast days.

Preparing the environment for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas just to name a few.

Distribution of Ashes

In the past we have distributed ashes when visiting the homebound or particular care centers. We can do this again. Let me know in advance that you will be taking ashes, so I can have them ready for you.

We DO NOT take ashes to the hospital.



When we're not at Mass, sometimes we just need short, simple prayers to remain close to God during our busy days. Lent is no different. Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

- ◆ "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
- ◆ "Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the **strength** to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."
- ◆ "God, I lift up (name of the person you'd like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."
- ◆ "Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."

Soup & Bread dinners begin February 16. Sign-ups are on the kiosk, for help with set-up, brining soup/bread and clean-up. *Any questions, please call the office.*

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

About War ... Pray For Peace

As our world reels from the shattered places where war and violent conflict rage we are compelled to pray for peace. It may also serve us well to better understand the extent of conflicts today, across the globe. Many sources are readily available on the internet to identify how many armed conflicts are happening today, though the statistics vary widely. For example: “Our Rule of Law in Armed Conflict Online Portal (RULAC) classifies all situations of armed violence as those that amount to an armed conflict under international humanitarian law. Today, it monitors more than 110 armed conflicts.....Some of these conflicts make the headlines, others do not. Some of them started recently, while others have lasted for more than 50 years.” (Note: This source gives an overview of the places in the world.) <https://geneva-academy.ch/galleries/today-s-armed-conflicts>

Another source, wisevoter.com, provides a more conservative, though still alarming, number: “Overall, there are 32 countries currently in conflict, and the types of conflict vary widely. While the severity and duration of these conflicts differ, they all have significant impacts on the affected populations and can result in a high number of casualties as well as humanitarian crises.” *This source identifies origins of violent conflict to include terrorist insurgencies (often involves non-state actors, such as extremist groups,) civil wars, drug wars and ethnic violence. (Note: We might add territorial invasion and takeover.)* <https://wisevoter.com/country-rankings/countries-currently-at-war/>

Where do we even begin to comprehend, let alone pray for all the brokenness in our world? *As we continue to look in horror at the wars receiving the most attention – those in Israel and Gaza and in Ukraine – Pope Francis’ words encompass the larger scope of the horrors of war -- any place and any time.*

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

- * We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.
- * Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: “Never again war!”; “With war everything is lost”. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.
- * Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.
- * Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words “division”, “hatred” and “war” be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother”, and our way of life will always be that of: *Shalom, Peace, Salaam!*

AMEN

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/prayers-for-peace/>

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

Prayer Inspired by Laudate Deum (Praise God) of the Holy Father Francis
to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis

We praise you, O God, Creator of all things,

Whose mystery unfolds in "a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face."¹

Jesus, your Son, taught us to wonder

As he made his way throughout the land, contemplating the beauty of creation.²

We pray, O God, that you may **stir in us**

A reverent awareness of our invisible link with the entire created world.

We pray for **humility** —

To remember that we, too, are created and are not creation's masters.

We pray for **compassion** —

For open eyes and hearts to welcome those forced to flee from their homes due to rising sea levels and drought.

We pray for **repentance** —

So that our thirst for power and domination may be transformed into service.

We pray for **simplicity** —

And the will to turn from our greed which impacts vulnerable people everywhere.

We pray for **cultural conversion** —

That we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and waste, and exercise prudence in our decision making.

We pray for **policy changes** —

That as a nation and world we may work together to reverse the course of climate change.

Our hearts ache as we ponder:

"The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?"³

We praise you, O God,

Confident that you work in our hearts and through our actions, so that we may better care
for our common home.

Amen.

¹Laudate Deum, Quoting Laudato Si', no.233.

²Laudate Deum, no. 64, quoting Laudato Si', no. 97.

³Laudate Deum, no. 65.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Valentine Tea

FEB 7, 2024 | 4:00 PM | SOCIAL CENTER

Hosted by Elementary RE children for the seniors of the parish (65 & up). The invitation was sent via Flocknote.

Please RSVP by February 1.

You can also call the Parish Office on 406-442-5268 to RSVP, or email lorimleko@stmaryhelena.org



Cookies are needed **by February 6** for the Valentine Tea on February 7.

If you are able to help, please sign up here:

[https://
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ni.flocknote.com/
signup/152650](https://saintmarycatholiccommunity.flocknote.com/signup/152650)

You can also sign up on the kiosk or call the Parish Office on 406-442-5268 to let us know.

Thank you for generosity!

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.

Options Clinic

*will be holding their annual
"Change for Life" Fundraiser*

January 21—February 11

During this time, we will have baby bottles available in the gathering space for you to put any spare change in (*change, cash, check, or CC information*).

What is collected goes to

Free clinical grade pregnancy tests, free early ultrasound, free KidSmart parenting classes, free supplies for new parents, low-cost STD testing & treatment and free options education.

Baby bottles due back to the church on February 10. You can also donate online at optionshelena.org/donate or call 406-422-1011.

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:

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.

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 Lovinder 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 February 4th
in the Social Center! Drop in
anytime between 2-4pm!

Bring a travel-sized item to help support *God's Love*
(one item per Bingo card for entry):

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream

Families
welcome and
encouraged to
attend!

Catholic Journey Experience

Calling all Ladies: After the stresses of the holiday season, are you looking to reinvigorate your spiritual life? For Valentine's Day Give yourself a gift of love....a 3 day retreat of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more..... The Catholic Women's Weekend is February 15th through the 18th, 2024. To learn more visit www.mtcatholicjourney.org or call Eileen at 406-461-3362.

All Are Welcome!

Knights of Columbus #844

The Helena Council #844 of the Knights of Columbus regular meeting time has changed beginning with this meeting. Our monthly business meeting begins at 6:30 PM at the KofC hall.

Catholic Men, if you're not a member but have interest, please checkout KofC.org to learn more.

You can sign up online and you'd be very welcome in our Council.



Kick Off Rally



February 13, 2023
Helena First Youth Building
2315 Dodge Ave, Helena 59601
Doors Open at 6pm

CEO/Founder
LOWELL HOCHHALTER THE LIFEGUARD GROUP



Lowell Hochhalter is the Founder and Director of THE LIFEGUARD GROUP, an organization that has mandated itself to combat human trafficking and see it come to an end by providing awareness to groups and organizations, responding to those who are in need of rescue and help, restoring those who desire to be free and reviving a sense of hope in our world today.

MONTANA AG AUSTIN KNUDSEN



"To eliminate human trafficking - which is really modern-day slavery - we must continue to work together." Attorney General Knudsen said. "The Montana Department of Justice is committed to stopping human trafficking in our state, but we can't do it all.

Other law enforcement agencies, advocacy groups, private industry, and private citizens play a critical role as we crackdown on traffickers and help survivors."

Attorney General Knudsen has increased human trafficking training for county attorneys, Montana Highway Patrol Troopers, and law enforcement cadets at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. Last year, he helped launch the Sentinel Project, a private-public partnership between the Montana Department of Justice, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association, and the Missoula-based Lifeguard Group to increase human trafficking training and public education in the state.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Spring Rallies



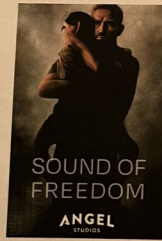
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

40 Days for Life Spring Prayer Vigil Rally
At Planned Parenthood

Please join us at our prayer vigil at the Helena Planned Parenthood from 9am-3pm. 40 Days for Life Leader, Cheryl Wilson, will be on-site during these hours with warm beverages, signs and other resources to assist with providing a productive and meaningful day of prayer. Please feel free to contact Cheryl at Cheryl40days4life@gmail.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 2, 2024

40 Days for Life Spring Mid Rally



Prolife Montana is hosting a showing of "Sound of Freedom" at Big Sky Fellowship (7610 Roughsawn Dr, Helena, MT 59602) on March 2nd.

More information will be available on our website by February regarding reserved seating options ahead of time.

Concessions will also be available for your enjoyment; doors open at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. Donations are gladly accepted and will benefit Prolife Montana to assist with costs for future events that promote the value of every life from the moment of conception.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

40 Days for Life Spring Closing Rally



Details Coming Soon!

Go to our website at:

ProlifeMontana.com

for updated information on this and other events

Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP

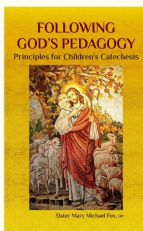
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Tuesday, March 5th

6:00 - 7:30 pm

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St. Helena



CGS is a method of educating the child in Christ based on Scripture, the Catholic liturgy, and the pedagogical principles of Maria Montessori. Learn more at cgsusa.org



Details & Updates: diocesehelena.org/faith-formation

LEWIS AND CLARK LITERACY COUNCIL

LEND A HAND BY VOLUNTEERING WITH THE LITERACY COUNCIL

The Lewis & Clark Literacy Council (L&CLC) helps adults and their families acquire reading, writing, English language, workforce and life skills so that they may have an improved quality of life.

Giving a neighbor a gift like literacy can change their life. They will be able to make more money, participate more fully in our community, and forge relationships with people they wouldn't have conversed with otherwise. It's a great way to broaden your horizons, too!



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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



Fish Fry



Friday Feb. 23rd; March 8th & 22nd 2024
5pm-7pm

KC Hall - 1867 N. Washington St - Behind Pomp's Tire



\$15 a plate for fresh fish (Cod), coleslaw and potatoes

Homemade Clam Chowder \$6 - Mac & Cheese \$4
Bring a non-perishable food item for Helena Food Share

Coffee, Soda, Beer, Wine & Mixed Drinks available

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"COME TO ME" MATTHEW 11:28



Sr. Deirdre Byrne



Mother Mary Paul



Kendra Von Esb

Mary Our Mother

Friday, April 12, 2024 ~ Cathedral of St. Helena
5:30 pm Mass & Rosary offered for families
All are welcome

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Women's Conference, Adoration,
Confessions, Vendors, Fellowship
Helena Civic Center



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FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

2023-2024

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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
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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:*

Nita Creach

Darlene Walsh

Marcella Mischel
(SonHeaven resident)

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 winter 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
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)



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.

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: Feb 9 11:00 AM at Touchmark; Feb 16 10:30 AM at Cooney; Feb 23 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 Feb 4: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Bingo in social center
- ◆ Monday Feb 5: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group; 1:00 PM New Grief Group in St. Ann's
- ◆ Wednesday Feb 7: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM RE Senior Valentine Tea in social center; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions
- ◆ Friday Feb 9: 12:10 PM Mass at Touchmark
- ◆ Saturday Feb 10: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Hospitality in gathering space after Mass
- ◆ Sunday Feb 11: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 9:15 AM—10:20 AM First Communion in social center; Hospitality in gathering space after each Mass
- ◆ Monday Feb 12: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 1:00 PM New Grief Group in St. Ann's
- ◆ **Wednesday Feb 14: 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Masses; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; **No RE & Youth Group due to Ash Wednesday Masses****
- ◆ Thursday Feb 15: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Quilters in St. Ann's
- ◆ Friday Feb 16: 10:30 AM Mass at Cooney; 5:30 PM Evening Prayer followed by Soup & Bread in social center
- ◆ Saturday Feb 17: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

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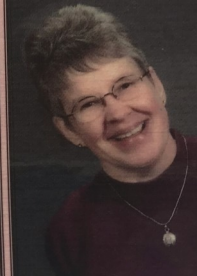
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