

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/>
featured

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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 23—11:00 AM Hunter's Pointe

March 1—10:30 AM Mount Ascension

March 8—11:00 AM Touchmark

March 15—10:30 AM Cooney

March 22—11:00 AM Hunter's Pointe

LENTEN SEASON

Little Black Books are available for pick-up in the gathering space. We have a suggested donation of \$1.00. If you wish to donate, please place your donation inside the wooden lock box next to the books. Thank you!

First Sunday of Lent February 18th, 2024

**“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”**

Mark 1:12-15

Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2024

**““This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer
saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.”**

Mark 9:2-10



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 18th—First Sunday of Lent

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

8:00 AM Mass—for Robert Brazelton †

rb: Hal & Carolyn Nelson

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

Monday, February 19th—No Mass

Leviticus 19:1-2; 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Parish Office & Church closed for Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, February 20th

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Ann McCormick

rb: Diana Kulow

Wednesday, February 21st

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

12:10 PM Mass—for Mary Kerins †

rb: Gail Lannan

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 22nd

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

12:10 PM Mass—for Ann Boylan †

rb: Jill Caldwell

Friday, February 23rd

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

11:00 AM Mass at Hunter's Pointe—for the People of Hunter's Pointe

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread in social center

Saturday, February 24th

Genesis 22:1-2; 9; 10-13; 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions †

4:30 PM Vigil—for Mary Kerins †

rb: Catherine Ortwein

Sunday, February 25th—Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2; 9; 10-13; 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

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

10:30 AM Mass—for the marriage of Creede & Racheal Nyamburra Caldwell

rb: Jill Caldwell

Monday, February 26th

Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

5:30 PM Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, February 27th

Isaiah 1:10; 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Lance & Lynn Zanto & family

rb: Pattie Buerman

Wednesday, February 28th

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Father Bart Tolleson

rb: Helena Catholic Journey

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 29th

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Msgr. Kevin O'Neill

rb: Helena Catholic Journey

Friday, March 1st

Genesis 37:3-4; 12-13; 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43; 45-46

10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension—for the People of Mount Ascension

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

Saturday, March 2nd

Exodus 20:1-3; 7-8; 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Harry Downs †

rb: Catherine Ortwein



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: Our parishioners gathered to celebrate Ash Wednesday, and we started Evening Prayer followed by Soup & Bread.

As ministering stewards: Our senior parishioners and children from our Religious Education program gathered for the Senior Valentine Tea.

As sacrificing stewards: 01/21/24 & 01/28/24 & 02/04/24 & 02/11/24

Pew/Mail:	\$4,735	\$3,972	\$5,157	\$5,707
Direct:	\$ 305	\$ 360	\$1,263	\$ 610
Online:	\$3,042	\$1,129	\$2,654	\$2,259
Total	\$8,082	\$5,461	\$9,074	\$8,576

Stewardship Income

FY 23-4	7/1/23 – 01/31/24	\$293,889
FY 22-3	7/1/22 – 01/31/23	\$282,609
Difference		\$ 11,280

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30

Total Monthly Income (January) \$38,102
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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From Father Tim

In today's first reading from the prophet Joel, he tells us: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart with fasting, weeping and mourning..."

EVEN NOW – this Ash Wednesday – is a new beginning for all of us; another chance – or maybe the 500th chance for each of us. It does not matter. It's a time of new beginnings for all of us. Because the Lord is about 10,000 chances. Why? Because He loves all of us with an undivided heart, and the Lord wants all of us to be with Him in paradise....And it starts with all of us with **ONE STEP**.

With fasting – to deny ourselves – from things we enjoy for the sake of the kingdom – chocolate, TV – Instagram or Facebook. To deny ourselves for the Lord this Lenten season – and add a little more prayer; a little more spiritual reading and reflection, and some sacred silence – to listen to the voice of the Lord that is in our hearts – and to take a few steps closer to Christ this Lenten season. May we ask the Lord to open our hearts to love more, to be more compassionate and forgiving – and certainly to be more patient with ourselves and those around us; that we truly see all people as Christ!

WITH WEEPING. All tears come from God – all tears come from God! Tears show we love God and our neighbor, and we have true sorrow for our sins. Tears can also be signs of great joy in our lives. Living life to the fullest of our capabilities and living life in abundance, as we follow Christ with all of our hearts.

AND MOURNING. We mourn the loss of loved ones and those who are close to us. We mourn when a loved one is ill, and we reach out to those in need, or those who need a shoulder to cry on. Many here today remember exactly where we were when we first heard the about the events of September 11, 2001. We mourned as a nation, because the love of humankind is deeply imbedded in our souls, and we want to do our best to help those who are hurting or suffering. Because all of us are made for love. That's the beauty of being human as we unite our spirits with the spirit of Christ, who is **LOVE** Himself.

As we celebrate Ash Wednesday, and begin this Lenten season 2024, may we do what Paul tells us in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians – Be reconciled with God and with one another. Pray for the power to forgive, and to seek forgiveness. Love has no boundaries. Peace has no boundaries. Hope has no boundaries. We are people of faith, hope and love – and love is eternal, and we seek to love God, our neighbor and ourselves with all of our hearts!

And one more thing. **BE HUMBLE**. Be humble. That is the essence of today's gospel from Matthew in a nutshell. "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father will repay you..." "Pray to your Father in private – then your Father – who see what no man sees – will repay you." **BE HUMBLE**, because a contrite and humble spirit the Lord will not spurn; and humility opens the door to all avenues of love in our lives – and **LOVE NEVER FAILS!**

The greatest act of love in the history of the world was when Christ suffered and died on the Cross for all of us – because His love for us is far more powerful than we can ever imagine in this world. That is why we keep our vision on Christ every moment of our lives. The vision of love, peace, forgiveness and hope that will never disappoint, and that vision that will lead us to everlasting life. May all of us have a happy and holy Lent filled with the spirit of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

in the Social Center

Presenter: Jeanette Fregulia

Topic: Why Peace is Achievable!

Jeanette is an historical expert on the Middle East and relations between the religions of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Jeanette will give us more of an understanding of what is happening in the Middle East and call us to prayer and hope during this Lenten Season!

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

Rite of Election: February 18

The Rite of Election is celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Helena. The Rite of Election is the second step on the catechumen's journey toward Baptism. The Church celebrates those deemed ready for initiation and leads them into the more intense period of their Lenten preparation. The chosen inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect.

At the Easter Vigil, they will be baptized, confirmed, and receive Eucharist, fully initiating them into the Body of Christ.

Please pray for the elect of
Saint Mary Catholic Community:

James Casada, Michael Honeycutt,
Savanah Reeves and Brenda Stoltz

We also pray for our candidates who were baptized in other faith traditions and will be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist:

Kelli Casada and Crystal Keller-Hill

"The Chosen"

The Chosen viewing and discussion group will meet on Thursday, Feb 22 & Feb 29 from 1pm to 2:30pm.

All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, February 21st: MS & HS Youth Group from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 28th: MS & HS Youth Group from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will meet on **Sunday, March 3rd**

from 9:15am to 10:15am in St. Ann's.

Note this is a change in date and time!

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

CYC Convention and Eucharistic Congress

The CYC Convention will be Friday, March 22-24th. This will be held in conjunction with the Eucharistic Congress, which is open to all ages. Here is a link with all of the information about the event:

<https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress/>

The cost is \$100 for High School Youth and \$50 for Middle School Youth, but we can have assist with that cost for anyone who is interested in attending. *Note that high school students can register to come with our youth group, but parents/guardians would also need to attend the Eucharistic Congress for all other age groups.*

**Theme of Convention: ENCOUNTER
THE LORD- PREPARE FOR HOLY
WEEK - PROCLAIM HIS LOVE**

Carroll College Parish Scholarship

\$1,000 scholarship, that requires the recipient be a student planning to attend Carroll for the first time in the Fall of 2024.

A student must be full-time to maintain this scholarship.

Interested students are instructed to reach out to Dawn and request a recommendation letter by **March 1st!**



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

Come and Journey with a Savior

On Sunday afternoon, friends graciously invited my husband and me to their home to enjoy the Super Bowl. It proved to be a delightful afternoon filled with delicious food and happy conversations. As someone originally from Hong Kong and new to American culture, I found myself in awe of the spectacle surrounding this iconic event.

The sheer magnitude of the Super Bowl was striking, from the dazzling array of advertisements by major corporations, each seeking for the attention of viewers, to the electrifying atmosphere of the stadium, alive with the cheers of fans supporting their teams. Learning that Super Bowl 2024 was the most-watched telecast in U.S. history, with over 123 million viewers, only added to the sense of wonder.

What truly left me awestruck was the halftime show—a meticulously orchestrated production featuring a blend of visual and auditory extravagance. From the elaborate costumes of the performers to the intricately choreographed dance routines, it was a sensory feast that pushed the boundaries of creativity and entertainment to their utmost limits.

However, during Lent, the extravagant displays of the Super Bowl halftime show give way to the simplicity and solemnity of liturgical practices—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. It invites us to a season of introspection, reflection, and spiritual renewal. As the revelry of the Super Bowl fades into memory, Lent offers a reminder—a time for quiet contemplation and humble self-examination. It beckons us to journey inward, to confront our shortcomings, and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

The hymn was written by the Reverend Dr. Herbert O'Driscoll (1928–), originating in 1985. A native of Ireland, O'Driscoll's spiritual journey began after his graduation from Trinity College, Dublin, where he was ordained as a deacon and later as a priest in 1953. His life was marked by a commitment to faith and a responsive attitude to the contemporary needs of people.

In 1954, O'Driscoll immigrated to Canada, where he assumed the role of chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy. Subsequently, he served as the rector of a parish in Ottawa. O'Driscoll's passion for preaching led him to higher positions, eventually becoming the Canon and Warden at the National College of Preachers and the National Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, DC. His influence extended beyond traditional ecclesiastical boundaries, as he authored over forty books, composed more than forty hymns, and engaged audiences through radio broadcasts.

The hymn extends an invitation to embark on a spiritual journey with Christ, acknowledging His presence in our lives from the moment of our birth. Its six verses serve as a roadmap for inner exploration, outward service to others, and the collective endeavor to build the kingdom of Christ. The refrain challenges us to embrace our divine identity as children of God and to walk in solidarity with one another, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Let us respond to this summons and embark on this sacred journey with our Savior.

Thoughts
from Deb

Pastoral Care

FREE WILL OFFERING AT SOUP & BREAD

Each year we designate an agency that we will donate to. This year we have designated Good Samaritan's "**Street Outreach**" program. Currently it is overseen by Mark Nay.

A 100% of the donations will go directly to this Ministry.

In 2020 Good Samaritan received a grant from Rocky Mountain Development Council to implement and direct a new grant program, Street Outreach. At that time Mark Nay was hired who was in recovery himself and had experienced homelessness and shared life experiences with many of the people they reach out to on the streets.

The Street Outreach Program is largely based in the community, requiring Mark to walk the streets, act upon calls reporting individuals that appear to be homeless, send messages through the homeless community that we at Good Samaritan are there to help without judgement. Mark's regular stops include developing relationships with the homeless to gain trust for future individual needs or making referrals to our other programs.

Most often he finds that many of those he meets on the street are living with severe mental or physical illness, or struggling with addiction. His first meeting with someone may be to provide: *Blanket, tents, sleeping bags, food, or to provide transportation for emergency medical treatment. Working to find a safe shelter, identifying a substance abuse program, (if there is an immediate need or the client might be ready to address their addiction issue) Emergency shelter, clothing vouchers, propane to help keep them warm on the street and other services as needed.*

MARK WILL BE PRESENT AT THE FEBRUARY 23RD SOUP AND BREAD DINNER FOLLOWING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Are you up to date on your Virtus?

This is mandated by the Diocese of Helena for anyone who is working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

If you are behind you may be designated as inactive and no longer able to volunteer.

Questions? Call Deb in the parish office.

Help!

Volunteer opportunity to team up with a Care Center minister who currently provides Communion at one of our centers weekly. ***If interested contact Deb in the parish office.***

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

Living a Laudato Si' Lent - The World can Change a lot in 40 Days

February

14 Ash Wednesday Remember you are dust---star dust---made of the same stuff as all of creation!

15 Plan to read Laudato Si' for Lent---you only need to read 5 numbered sections a day!
If you have read that, read Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' most recent apostolic exhortation. Find it at: <https://carmelites.org.au/laudatedeum/> or on SMCC Care for Creation website.

16 Get a potted plant that you will especially care for during Lent and make a commitment to respect and care for all of creation.

17 Pray for refugees forced from their homes through climate change. Think of those at our southern border.

“We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationship with other people.” (LS 92)

18 First Sunday of Lent *Embrace the Silence Sunday*—Turn off iPhone, TV, radio, computer. Spend time outside listening to the sounds of creation.

19 Pray for those most affected by climate change—those living in poverty.

20 Try this week not to use a single disposable plastic product.

21 Plan to host a simple soup and bread supper with your friends and watch an ecological video together. “The Letter” is a wonderful choice: theletterfilm.org

22 Spend some time with an animal. How is it prayer for you?

23 Abstain today from a spirit of defeatism that despairs of facing climate change.

24 Clean your dryer's lint filter after each use and use dryer balls—this can reduce its energy use significantly.

“Christian spirituality...encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption” (LS 222)

25 Second Sunday of Lent Practice deep enjoyment—savor slowly a piece of fine chocolate, a glass of wine, a deep breath.

26 Pray for those most affected by climate change---animal species who lose their habitat.

27 Light a candle and reflect on the words of a martyr of the Amazon, Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, “I light a candle and look at Jesus on the cross and ask for the strength to carry the suffering of the people, the suffering of Earth.”

28 Have you ever mentioned an ecological sin in confession? Think about it...- ecologicalexamen.org

29 Resolve not to buy anything new in March, except essentials like food.

*From the Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ
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SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

Mired in Disinformation! What’s Person To Do?

Many people dread the upcoming months of television ads and talking heads, the evening news, social media and mailboxes stuffed with campaign ads, either projecting glossy images of a candidate or railing against an opponent. *There is no doubt, it is exhausting, and frankly, depressing.*

As normal human beings we tend to listen to and cling to our assumptions and biases that align with our needs, feelings and preconceived ideas. While truly understandable from a human standpoint, *as adult Catholics participating in a civil society, are we called to a higher engagement with what we see, hear and read?* We know that facts can be tweaked, statistical interpretations slanted, misleading photos used and artificial intelligence employed to make something that is inaccurate appear to be truthful.

We might be tempted to ask ourselves if it really matters, if it is not just “out of our hands” anyway, and whether or not we really have a Christian duty to vet what we see, hear, read and watch. The answer to that question lies in the conscience of each of us as individuals. But it’s a serious question and one that begs an honest look.

There is much on the line: a polarized and progressively angry populace, a country with a democracy, fragile and stressed, struggles with immigration, climate change bringing wild, often destructive weather, pandemic jitters and crises in far flung lands that, in this global world, impact us all. *What’s a person to do?*

We can believe that we are not powerless confronting the issues, that we have agency both in discovering what is real and honesty in confronting our own biases. Here are suggestions:*

- Be skeptical of headlines. Be skeptical of sound bites. Ask yourself why something might be misinformation.
 - Ask what the source is; don’t always trust “verified.”
 - Know and be willing to acknowledge the slant of various news programs.
 - ***Slow down, watching and reading.***
 - Look at other reports and seek out additional context about news events.
 - ***Be willing to challenge your own beliefs (this is hard!)***
 - Learn how artificial intelligence is used to alter or create pictures and create false narratives that sound like the real person.
 - Use some reputable “fact checking” sources. *When using these, it's important to cross-reference information and consider multiple reputable sources (Examples below)*
1. **Snopes** (www.snopes.com): Snopes has investigated a wide range of claims, from urban legends to political statements since 1994.
 2. **PolitiFact** (www.politifact.com): Run by the journalistic think tank Poynter Institute and focused on fact-checking political statements and claims.
 3. **FactCheck.org** (www.factcheck.org): A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center.
 4. **The Washington Post Fact Checker** (www.washingtonpost.com/news/factchecker): Uses a “Pinocchio” rating system from one to four.

* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2023/05/22/misinformation-ai-twitter-facebook-guide/>

As followers of Jesus we are called to seek justice, truth and the common good. To the extent that we confront our own biases and challenge untruths in the media, we become part of the force to create a just and stable society for everyone.

May we pray to have the strength, courage, wisdom and guidance to walk this path with the Lord. AMEN

2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 16, March 1 & 15

5:30 PM Evening Prayer

(followed by Soup & Bread
in social center)

February 23

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

(followed by Soup & Bread in social center)

March 8

5:30 PM Living Stations of the
Cross by youth of the parish

(followed by Soup & Bread in social center)



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.



**Fathers Forming Faithful children
and Strong Families**
With SAINT JOSEPH
In Patience and Humility

Presented by

FATHER JOE PADDOCK

PASTOR, RESURRECTION PARISH, BOZEMAN
DIOCESE OF HELENA

Thursday Evening ~ Saturday Morning
February 29-March 2, 2024

THE SYCAMORE TREE

(BETWEEN MM 53-54 ON HWY 83, TURN WEST ON PIPER
CREEK ROAD 41/2 MILES)

Swan Valley, MT

For more information or to register, please call or email
Michelle Jenkins at (406) 754-2429 or
email@sycamoretreeretreat.org

Warm Hearts towel & blanket drive was a
success thanks to all of you!

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

Our parish donated over 90 items

(blankets, quilts & towels)! Thank You!!!

COVID Remembrance:
We Remember them

March 12 at 7:00pm
in the social center.

RSVP Required:
call Parish Office
on 406-442-5268.



Desserts
will be
served!

Why a COVID remembrance?

We all remember the COVID shutdown, the isolation, and the changes required in our lives. Some families experienced restricted funerals, hospitalizations of loved ones, but unable to visit. There are still lingering health issues. Some of us experienced other kinds of losses.

This will be an evening to remember, honor stories, heal and share hope. Through reflection, prayer, song and sharing we will honor our experience of COVID.

Please join us in supporting others if you experienced loss during COVID...Come and support others in remembering.

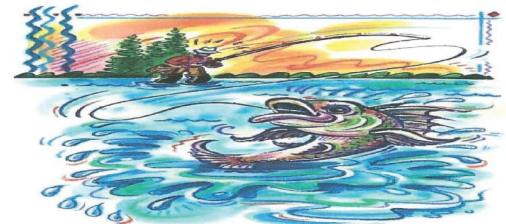
Fish Fry



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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

"Kindness Makes Miracles"

Parish Mission

Speaker:
Mike Manhardt

Becoming One Strong Family

Come join us!

March 6th, 7th & 8th

7pm until 8pm

at Our Lady of the Valley

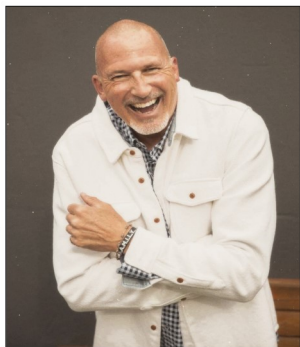
Mike Manhardt founder of One Strong Family: a grassroots effort that spreads a message of selfless, unconditional love through the trademarked acronym, "F.A.M.I.L.Y. ~ Forget About Me I Love You."

He has been a youth minister for over 30 years and for the last 6 years has taught Teen Confirmation Program at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills, California.

He is a board member of a non-profit that feeds the homeless called Feed My Poor, Inc.

He is the founding member of FiveHive Studios where they use A.I. technology process to create filmmaking faster and more affordable.

He was an associate producer of the film "Sound of Freedom."



Michael Manhardt's visit to Helena is being Co-Sponsored by "Beyond 227: In Memory of Father Stu."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Signing up to pray at Planned Parenthood as either a church group or as an individual is **EASY!**

When a group or individual signs up on the 40 Days for Life Calendar, it allows the 40 Days for Life Leader to "see" where gaps in coverage are so that requests for additional coverage can be made as needed.

Follow these steps to gain quick access to the Helena Campaign 40Days for Life Calendar:



1. Access the website with this QR Code
2. Click on "Find Vigil Location" and then type in "Helena, MT"
3. Click on "View Campaign"
4. Click on "Sign up for Vigil Hours"
5. Login if you already have an account OR "Create Account"

Once you have logged in, the calendar will be revealed and you can sign up for days/times by clicking on the corresponding day that you want and then clicking on the "time" that you want for that day.

Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

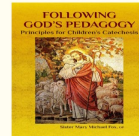
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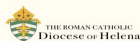
Tuesday, March 5th

6:00 - 7:30 pm

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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



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Helena Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

"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

visit Helenacwc.com



Senior Valentine Tea Pictures



*Thank you to everyone who helped with the Valentine Tea!
A special thank you to Maria Foot, Mary Foot, Deb Kralicek, Mary Buswell,
cookie bakers, students, and catechists!*






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 FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA
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Kaleb Mitchell	Riley Helgoe
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- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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Jack Cotter	Cody Gleich
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Jackson Haddon	Nicholas T Nelson
Stephen Ceo	Tristan Anne Driessen
Lucas Robson	

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



Devotions on Draft ~ Feb 20

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on **February 20th** with guest speaker Father Lebsock. Our **meeting** will be

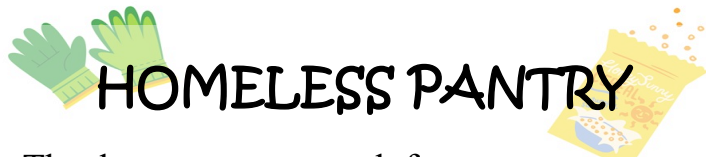
held in the **upstairs meeting room at Missouri River Brewing Company at 6:00pm!**

We hope to see you there! Further information can be located on our Facebook and Instagram pages - @devotionsondraft_hln

Prayers for the Deceased

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

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



HOMELESS PANTRY

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

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

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

Now 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!

Catholic Journey Experience

The Diocese of Helena Catholic Journey Community is inviting all those who have made a Journey or Cursillo to join in welcoming the newest members of our Journey Community.



Tuesday February 20, 2024

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Saint Mary Catholic Community:
Social Center**

**Come for music, refreshments
and fellowship!**

**For more information call
Betsy 406-431-6328**

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 23 11:00 AM at Hunter's Pointe; March 1 10:30 AM at Mount Ascension; March 8 11:00 AM at Touchmark; March 15 10:30 AM at Cooney; March 22 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 18: 10:30 AM Rite of Sending; 3:00 PM Rite of Election at Cathedral of Saint Helena; **No Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- ♦ Monday Feb 19: **Parish Office & Church closed for Presidents' Day**
- ♦ Tuesday Feb 20: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Gathering meeting in social center
- ♦ Wednesday Feb 21: 3:45 PM—5:00 PM RE in social center; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Youth Group in social center
- ♦ Friday Feb 23: 11:00 AM Mass at Hunter's Pointe; 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread in social center
- ♦ Saturday Feb 24: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
- ♦ Sunday Feb 25: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 1:00 PM—2:30 PM Confirmation in social center
- ♦ Monday Feb 26: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 1:00 PM Ongoing Grief Group in St. Ann's
- ♦ Wednesday Feb 28: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; 3:45 PM—5:00 PM RE in social center; 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Youth Group in social center
- ♦ Friday March 1: 10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension; 5:30 PM Evening Prayer followed by Soup & Bread in social center
- ♦ Saturday March 2: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

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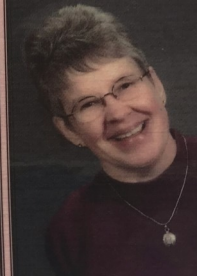
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