

# Saint Mary Catholic Community



**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: March 13 at Touchmark, March 20 at Cooney

**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, March 8th—The Third Sunday of Lent

*Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42*  
**9:00 AM Mass**— for the intentions of Linda Lynch  
rb: Jim and Barb Schaeffer

**Monday, March 9th—No Mass**  
*2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30*

**Tuesday, March 10th**  
*Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35*

**12:10 PM Mass**— for Aavo Taaler†  
rb: Peggy Wardinsky  
**3:30 PM— 5:00 PM Confessions**

**Wednesday, March 11th— No Mass**  
*Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19*

**Thursday, March 12th**  
*Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23*  
**12:10 PM Mass**— for Paul Miller†  
rb: Catherine Ortwein

**Friday, March 13th**  
*Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34*  
**11:00 AM Mass** at Touchmark  
for the intentions of the people at Touchmark  
**5:30 PM** Living Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14th**  
*Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14; Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38*  
**2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions**  
**4:00 PM Vigil**— for Kathy Sampson †  
rb: Kim Shelley, Kathy Michone, & Ruth Ann

### Sunday, March 15th— The Fourth Sunday of Lent

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*  
**9:00 AM Mass**— for the intentions of Tony Hunthausen Family  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

**Monday, March 16th—No Mass**  
*Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54*

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
*Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; John 5:1-16*  
**8:00 AM Mass**— for the intentions of Bill & Charlotte  
Fleiner's 50th Wedding Anniversary

**No Confessions**

**Wednesday, March 18th—No Mass**  
*Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30*

**Thursday, March 19th**  
*2 Samuel 7:3-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a*  
**12:10 PM Mass**— for Gary Fuson †  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

**Friday, March 20th**  
*Wisdom 2:1a, 12:22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*  
**10:30 AM Mass** at Cooney  
for the intentions of the people at Cooney

**Saturday, March 21st**  
*Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53*  
**2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions**  
**4:00 PM Vigil**- for Chris Kennedy †  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

## Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Sunday March 8th:** 9:00 am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ **Monday March 9th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at SMCC
- ♦ **Tuesday March 10th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Church History; 5:30 pm Pastoral Council
- ♦ **Wednesday March 11th:** No Mass; 3:30 pm RE; 5:00 pm Living Stations Rehearsal; *No Youth Group*
- ♦ **Thursday March 12th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday March 13th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion; 5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross followed by Soup and Bread
- ♦ **Saturday March 14th:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- ♦ **Sunday March 15th:** 9:00 am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:15 am Confirmation
- ♦ **Monday March 16th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm Finance Council; 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at OLV
- ♦ **Tuesday March 17th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 8:00 am Mass; 1:00 pm Church History; 2:00 pm Book Club; *No Confessions*
- ♦ **Wednesday March 18th:** No Mass; 3:30 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday March 19th:** 10:30am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday March 20th:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion
- ♦ **Saturday March 21st:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass; Shepherds of the Good Shepherd Olive Wood Carving in Gathering Space Following Mass



## Parish Staff at your service

Father Tim Moriarty

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## Parish Councils at your service

**Pastoral Council Members:** Starla Blank, Jan Buyske, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Mary Mungler, Casey Molloy, Jeff Tobin, Tyson Schulte, and Marelee Cloninger

**Finance Council Members:** Bruce Baumgart, Jana Gruber, Julie Johnson, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moulet, Rick Duane, and Nancy Coleman

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Monday, 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*

From a homily by Saint Asterius of Amasea, bishop:

“ You were made in the image of God. If then you wish to resemble him, follow his example. Since the very name you bear as Christians is a profession of love for men, imitate the love of Christ.

Reflect for a moment on the wealth of his kindness. Before he came as a man to be among men, he sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and lead men to practice it. John himself was preceded by the prophets, who were to teach the people to repent, to return to God, and to amend their lives.

Then Christ came himself, and with his own lips cried out: Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. How did he receive those who listened to his call? He readily forgave them their sins; he freed them instantly from all that troubled them. The Word made them holy; the Spirit set his seal on them. The old Adam was buried in the waters of baptism; the new man was reborn to the vigor of grace.

What was the result? Those who had been God’s enemies became his friends, those estranged from him became his sons, those who did not know him came to worship and love him.”

I hope all of you are having a Lenten season filled with the grace and peace of Christ. Before we know it, we will be in Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, as the Lord enters Jerusalem on a donkey and fulfills the prophecy of Zachariah, “Behold your king is coming to you... humble and riding on a donkey.” This prophecy symbolized kingship as the people honor him as he comes into the city, only to demand a few days later that he be put to death for not denying he was God.

Holy Thursday: the night before Jesus is sentenced to death, he celebrates Passover with his disciples. It is rightfully called Holy Thursday as Jesus institutes the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, and institutes the office of the Priesthood. After the meal, he washes the feet of the disciples to emphasize humility: to serve others and not be served.

Good Friday: Jesus is sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judea, amidst the huge pressure by the Jewish religious leaders and the crowds because Jesus did not deny that he was God. He underwent the worst crucifixion and death in history, for all of us. He exhibited the unconditional love he has for humankind.

Easter: the power and glory of Christ’s resurrection is celebrated at the Easter Vigil as the Elect (those to be baptized) and the candidates (those to come into full communion with the Church through Eucharist and Confirmation) are celebrated in the Church worldwide as we worship Jesus Christ risen from the dead!

Holy Week and the Triduum: the 3-day continual liturgical celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, is the most profound and powerful three days in Church history. Please join us for these powerful days as we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



**God bless all of you!**

*Fr. Tim*



## **Pope’s Intentions for March 2026**

**For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.





Prayer  
Ministry  
Sacrifice

**As praying stewards**, we gathered together as community to move into the Lenten season by praying Stations of the Cross, attending Evening Prayer, and participating in our Communal Penance service. You are invited to take advantage of the upcoming opportunity for Living Stations of the Cross and the Eucharistic Congress.

**As ministering stewards**, we have gathered for Soup and Bread and the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.

**As sacrificing stewards,**

**Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:**

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Received:	7/1/25 – 2/28/26	\$348,213.04
Fiscal Year 2025-25 Budgeted:	7/1/25 – 2/28/26	<u>351,928.00</u>
<b>(Difference: Received – Budget):</b>		<b>(\$3,714.96)</b>

**Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts:** (FY 2025-26: 7/1/25 – 2/28/26)

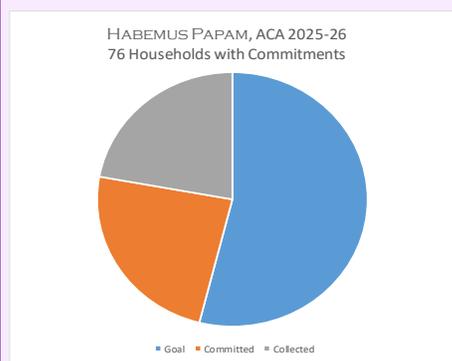
Gutter Replacement/Office (Completed)	\$ 3,000
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	<u>\$17,512</u>
Current Need:	\$20,512
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	\$17,995
Difference: (Received – Need):	(\$ 2,517)

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

As of Thursday, March 5th at 9:00 am SMCC solar panels have **produced 204.01 MWh of energy worth \$23, 461.50!**

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

Thank you for your generous support of our “Live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ” Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of **YOU**, our faithful parish community. We will soon be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Saint Mary Catholic Community.



<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$ 89,600.00</b>
Committed	\$ 39,739.92
Collected	\$ 36,764.92

**41.19% of Goal**

**SENIOR STATUS PRIESTS RECEIVE CARE**

Your generous gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal assists to provide our senior priests with a secure retirement, including adequate health insurance, prescriptions, dental and vision care. Additionally, our contributions help assure that all the priests who serve in faith, with hope and through love will be appropriately cared for as they move into their senior status years (retirement).

*Give in gratitude for our senior priests who have been chosen to live a life of ordained service.*

# 2026 Lenten Schedule



## Monday, March 2nd

- 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at *OLV*

## Friday, March 6th

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread

## Monday, March 9th

- 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at *SMCC*

## Friday, March 13th

- 5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread

## Monday, March 16th

- 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at *OLV*

## Monday, March 21st

- 6:30 pm Lenten Reflection at *SMCC*

## Friday, March 27th

- 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at K of C Hall (1867 Washington St.)

## Thursday, April 2nd

- 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Night Prayer to follow the Procession

## Friday, April 3rd

- 12:10 pm Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

## Saturday, April 4th

- 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

## Sunday, April 5th

- 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
- 11:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

## Director of Liturgy and Music

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Director of Liturgy and Music to support the operations of Saint Mary Catholic Community. The Director of Liturgy and Music will provide leadership in the planning, execution and celebration of all parish liturgical celebrations, with responsibility for preparing both liturgical and musical elements. The Director will help the parish worship and celebrate through a balance of contemporary and traditional music styles while encouraging the full, active and conscious participation of the assembly in the liturgy. As a member of the Pastoral Staff, the Director is expected to take an active role in the full life of the parish. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent education/experience in Liturgy, Sacred Music, Pastoral Studies, Theological Studies, or a related field. Strong organizational and communications skills are essential. This is a full-time salaried position, working 40 hours per week, with benefits. Annual salary range will depend on experience. For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the

position, please see our website at [www.stmaryhelena.org](http://www.stmaryhelena.org).

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to [finance@stmaryhelena.org](mailto:finance@stmaryhelena.org). This position will remain open until filled.





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

# Faith Formation

## A Journey for Life

### Called to Peace

#### Lenten Reflections

Please join us **every Monday during Lent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** to reflect on how we are called to Peace!

**March 9th at SMCC:**

**The Just War Theory: Presented by**

**Dr. Eric Meyer**

**March 2nd at OLV:**

**Pope Leo XIV and Peace: Presented by**

**Dr. John Ries**

### Living Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 13th at 5:30 pm**

Join us on Friday, March 13th at 5:30 pm for a prayerful presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross, offered by the young people of our parish from both our Religious Education program and Youth Ministry Program.

The Living Stations are a prayer-filled reenactment of Jesus' journey to Calvary. All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to share in this meaningful Lenten devotion. It's a beautiful way to support our youth and prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Help Still Needed

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**.

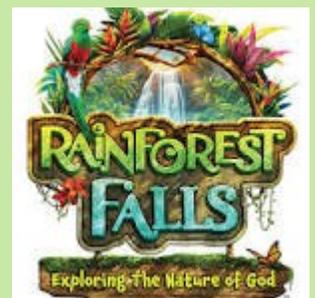
Please review the list of needs [HERE](#) and sign up for an item that interests you. You will be contacted with more information and can decide if you would like to commit. For more information, contact Dawn!

## Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

VBS will be **August 3rd-7th** from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm each day!

**who:** All youth entering kindergarten this fall through 5th Grade!

Registration will be coming soon!



# Important Dates for Youth Group

**March 11: Rehearsal for Living Stations of the Cross from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm**

**March 18: MS and HS Youth Group meets from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

## 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!

## Living Stations of the Cross

Please pray with us on Friday, March 13th at 5:30 pm for a Living Stations of the Cross.

The Living Stations will be led by youth in the both the Religious Education Program and the Youth Ministry Program.



For youth who are participating: We will have rehearsal on Wednesday, March 11th from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm and again on Friday, March 13th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

## 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 2026. 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 15th**.



### 2026 Summer Camp Season CAMPS SCHEDULE

<b>June 14-19</b> Junior High #1	<b>July 12-17</b> High School #2
<b>June 21-26</b> High School #1	<b>July 19-24</b> Junior High #2
<b>July 5-10</b> 5/6th Grade Boys	<b>July 26-31</b> 5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

MARCH 20-22, 2026

CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

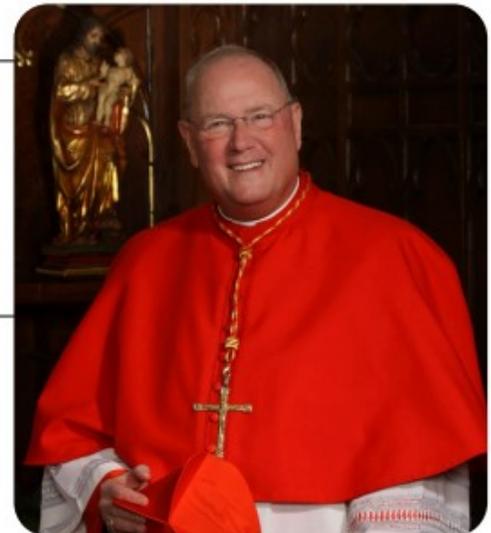


## A Weekend for Worship, Encounter, and Renewal

This year's Eucharistic Congress will be the largest gathering of its kind our diocese has hosted – an event for all ages featuring incredible speakers, dynamic breakouts, and prayer experiences, all centered around the Eucharist and the life of our Catholic faith.

WITH A KEYNOTE & MASS CELEBRATED BY:  
**CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN**

Archbishop Emeritus of New York



### OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Bishop  
Austin A. Vetter



Mother  
Mary Clare, ACJ



EVENT EMCEE  
Fr. Marc Lenneman

More information and registration at:

[www.diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](http://www.diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)

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## SPEAKERS & BREAKOUTS

This year we are blessed to welcome **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, who will be our speaker on Saturday morning and will celebrate Mass on Friday night.

Other incredible speakers for the weekend include a general keynote with **Bishop Austin Vetter**, a women's session led by **Mother Mary Clare** of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, several high school youth keynotes, and a dynamic assortment of speakers who will host breakout sessions on Saturday afternoon.

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## AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

With affordable childcare, dedicated junior high and high school tracks, and opportunities for every age and stage, this weekend is designed for the whole diocesan family.

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## SUNDAY MASS AND PROCESSION

The weekend culminates in a celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Sunday at 11:00am, followed by a Eucharistic procession through downtown Helena from the Cathedral to All Saints Chapel at Carroll College to conclude the Congress.

**PLUS ADORATION, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION, A HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT, AND MORE!**

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## TICKET PRICING

*Register early and save!*

	Standard Registration Feb 15 – Mar 10	Late Registration Mar 11 – Mar 20
Adults & High School Youth	\$100	\$120
College Students & CYC Board	\$50	\$70
Grades K-8	\$50	\$50

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are committed to ensuring that no one will be denied access to the event because of finances. **The maximum cost for any family to attend Eucharistic Congress is \$250.** Additional financial assistance is available for both individuals and families. Please visit our Congress webpage for details.



Scan the QR code  
to register now

or go to [diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)

## **A Prayer for the Feast Day of Saint Joseph March 19 Patron of the Universal Church**

Heavenly Father,

We pray in thanksgiving for Your gift of Saint Joseph. As Patron of the Universal Church, he is a role model of holiness and virtue, inspiring all of us as we seek to follow Your will in our lives.

Help us see the hearts of people and respond, not with judgement, but with love and compassion, as Joseph did when Mary was with child. He planned to shield her from shaming and possible death by stoning even before he received Your guidance in a dream.

Bless us with the openness to hear your voice and to have the strength and courage to answer with a faith filled “Yes” as Joseph did when You came to him in dreams asking him to take Mary, his betrothed, into his home, to migrate to Egypt to keep Jesus from being killed, and to return home when it was safe.

Grant that we may be blessings for our young people as we help them become the people You created them to be. Joseph was chosen by God to be the human father of Jesus. Joseph diligently protected and provided for Him, guided Him with wisdom, nurtured Him with tender love, raised Him in the Jewish faith, and helped form His humanity as he grew to be a man.

Joseph centered his life on You and not on himself or the things and values of this world. His life is an inspiring example of the goodness found and shared as the love of power is rejected and replaced with the power of Your love.

Saint Joseph, a true servant of God, continues to be a powerful role model and intercessor for us all as we face times of uncertainty, temptation, suffering, and loss. Filled with gratitude, humility and hope we say

**Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

~Parish Diversity Celebration

# 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 XIV and Peace: Dr. John Ries**

Pope Leo XIV 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

## Prayer in Motion

Our first Prayer in Motion was a success! Please join us on Fridays in March from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Social Center. Prayer in Motion is a slow, meditative program as we exercise. It can be done both standing or seated. Please join us if interested. For further information, contact Dave Krainacker ([dkrain@yahoo.com](mailto:dkrain@yahoo.com)). We will meet every Friday in March. There will be no class on April 3 or 10, then class will resume April 17. Hope to see you there!"



## Journey Gathering

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:00 pm, *Our Lady of the Valley* Social Center

A Lenten reflection: The Prodigal Son

Join us for a presentation by Deacon Steve Barry

Based on the Rembrandt painting The Return of the Prodigal Son

*Bring your friends and families!!!*

Please join us on Tuesday, March 10, 7 :00 pm, *Our Lady of the Valley*



## Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries



Join us on Saturday, April 11th from 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm for a parish communal service day at Good Samaritan Ministries! **Children are welcome!**



## Good Samaritan Ministries - More Than Just a Thrift Store!

Good Samaritan Ministries serves as the Social Justice arm of the Diocese of Helena and Helena's four Catholic parishes.

\*Thrift Store

\*Financial Support

\* Our Place

\*Street Outreach

GOOD SAMARITAN NEEDS YOU! Please consider giving the following:

\*Your time (2-4 hours a week or month)

\*Donations - clothing, household goods, books, etc.

\*Your prayers

Find out more about how you can help. Visit the Good Samaritan [website](#).



## KNEH Catholic Radio Fundraiser Banquet

Patrick Conley, host of The Inner Life on Relevant Radio, will be the honored guest speaker

for the KNEH Catholic radio fundraiser banquet on Saturday, April 18th at Carroll College Campus Center.

Reception at 5:00 pm, banquet at 6:00 pm. Tickets online [www.kneh.org](http://www.kneh.org) or call

(406) 410-0968.



## Funeral Dishes



All funeral dishes were left out in the Gathering Space February 28th and March 1st. If you had a dish and were not at one of those Masses, they are still available to be picked up. Call the office and leave your name and number. You will be contacted next week and can make arrangements to pick up your dish.



### *SMCC Care for Creation Ministry*

## LENT 2026—A TIME FOR ACTION

In Montana, we have an organization, '[Wild Montana](https://wildmontana.quorum.us)' which is dedicated to protecting all that we love about our state---the wilderness, the open spaces, the pristine waters and the unique wildlife. Through this organization you can learn more about any legislation on both the national and state level, that affects our state and how you can make your voice heard on issues that are important to you and your family.

<https://wildmontana.quorum.us>

**There are many opportunities. Each week of Lent discover a different cause—or stick with the same one all 6 weeks. Make your voice heard. It is time for Action!**

*Eternal Advocate, through your unwavering heart, let us expand our consideration of what we can love, and place this love at the forefront of our efforts to change the world.*

## Saint Francis Peace Through Justice

### **A Brief Thought on Leadership**

*From St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry*

There is a deep yearning for genuinely transformative leaders — leaders capable of drawing out the best in us, repairing our broken and fraying institutions and restoring moral direction to public life. In a wounded world marked by exhaustion, polarization and distrust, people are not merely asking for efficiency or strength; they are searching for leadership that can heal, rehumanize and sow hope where cynicism has taken root.\*

*Suggested action:* Pray for guidance with financial support of candidates and choices in voting. Are you choosing someone who restores moral direction and reflects the values of Catholic Social Teachings?

*\*National Catholic Reporter, 1/21/2026*

## Warm Hearts Thank You

Thank you for your donations to the Warm Hearts January drive!  
*Saint Mary donated 174 individual towels and blankets!*

### 2026 Count

- 138 new blankets
- 298 new towel sets

### Donations

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



## 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!

# Fish Fry

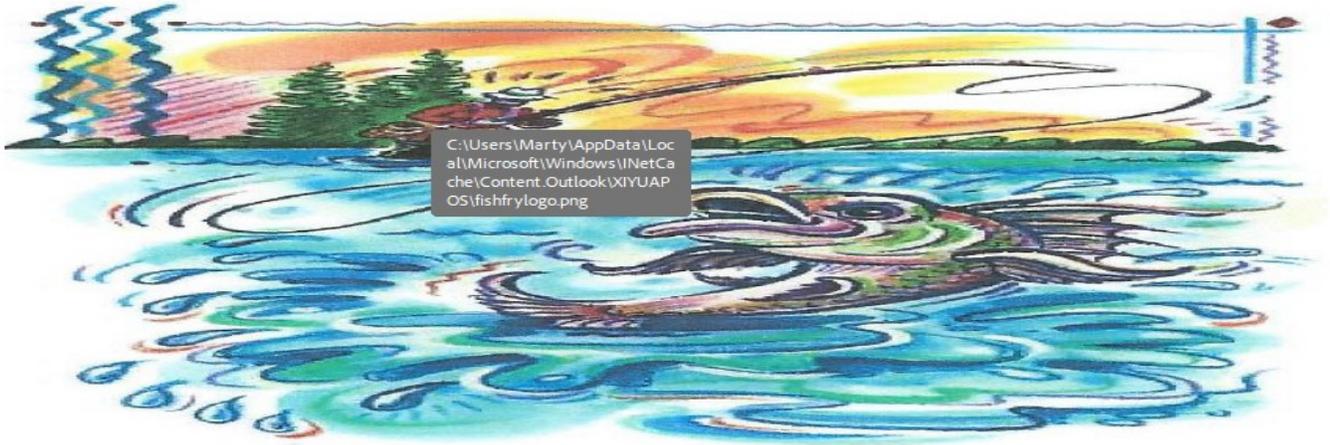


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-Please Continue to pray for our Seminarians-

## We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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Tristan Anne Driessen	Marcus Peter
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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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