# 🗖 Saínt 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 <u>Office Address:</u> 1700 Missoula Ave.

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Livestream https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCQR7D-gy6Z3TmeXSQ5Sk45w/ featured

Click here to become a parishioner

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

Reconciliation

<u>Wednesday:</u> 4:00—5:00 p.m. <u>Saturday:</u> 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 April 5—10:30 AM Mount Ascension April 19—10:30 AM Cooney April 26—11:00AM Hunter's Pointe Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 31st, 2024

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

John 20:1-9

### Second Sunday of Easter April 7th, 2024

"(...) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.""

John 20:19-31

### He is Risen! Happy Easter!

The Parish Office & Church will be closed on April 1st & 2nd for Easter Break.



#### **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, March 31st—Easter Sunday of the **Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34; 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 8:00 AM Mass—for Tara Garman rb: Jim & Vicki Garman 10:30 AM Mass—for the People of the Parish

Monday, April 1st—No Mass Acts of the Apostles 2:14; 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 Parish Office & Church closed for Easter Break

Tuesday, April 2nd—No Mass Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 Parish Office & Church closed for Easter Break

Wednesday, April 3rd-No Mass Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 No Confessions

Thursday, April 4th Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 12:10 PM Mass—for Meredith Krutar 4 rb: Darcy Kreamer

Friday, April 5th Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension—for the intentions of our Seminarians rb: Darcy Kreamer

Saturday, April 6th Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 3:00 PM-4:00 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil—for Clif Caughron rb: Doug & Deb Kralicek

#### Sunday, April 7th-Second Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 8:00 AM Mass—for the People of the Parish 10:30 AM Mass—for Clif Caughron 1 rb: Larry & Sandy Smith

Monday, April 8th—The Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38 12:10 PM Mass—for the People of the Parish

> **Tuesday, April 9th** Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7-15 12:10 PM Mass-for the intentions of Bruce & Michelle Norum rb: Darcy Kreamer

Wednesday, April 10th Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 12:10 PM Mass—for Nicholas Criscuola rb: Darcy Kreamer 4:00 PM-5:00 PM Confessions

**Thursday, April 11th** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Bishop Vetter & his priests rb: Darcy Kreamer

Friday, April 12th—No Care Center Mass Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

#### Saturday, April 13th

 Saturday, April 15th

 (Hospitality in gathering space after Mass)

 Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15; 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

 3:00 PM — 4:00 PM Confessions

 4:30 PM Mass—for Clif Caughron # rb: The Caldwell family



Prayer Ministry Sacrifice

As praying stewards: Our parishioners gathered to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. We also pray for and welcome those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil.

As ministering stewards: We give thanks to all our ministers, staff and volunteers who worked hard to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations prayerful, beautiful and welcoming.

As sacrificing stewards:	03/17/24	& 03/24/24
Pew/Mail:	\$3,034	\$3,140
Direct:	\$1,505	\$ 160
Online:	\$2,832	\$4,559
Total	\$7,371	\$7,859

#### **Stewardship Income**

FY 23-4	7/1/23 - 02/29/24	\$350,260
<u>FY 22-3</u>	7/1/22 - 02/28/23	\$324,518
Difference		\$ 25,742

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30

Total Monthly Income (February) \$56,371 Average Monthly Expenses \$60,000

Praise God and Thank You for your prayers, your share in ministry, and your sacrificial giving!



## Parish Councils at your service

Father Tim Moriarty Phone ext. 106 ~ email: tmoriarty@stmaryhelena.org

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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, Lori Murphy-Moullet, Sam Prestipino, and Maureen Stohl.

# From Father Tim

Happy Easter everyone! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! May we all experience Resurrection glory all the days of our lives. For the past several weeks, we have been walking our journey through Lent, as we commemorated our Lord's time in the desert, as He was tempted by the devil, and fasted for forty days and nights to prepare for His public ministry.

As we got closer to this most Holy day of days, the Lord was in the midst of His public ministry, and persecution towards Him became stronger, as He claimed that the Father and He were One. But His time had not yet come. Then, we celebrated Passion Week as the religious leaders were looking for a way to seize and kill Christ for claiming He was the Son of God. Judas Iscariot betrayed our Lord on the night of the Passover; and on the night that our Lord instituted the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The other Apostles, except John, abandoned Christ as He went through the most excruciating suffering, persecution and death on the Cross for our salvation, and for the salvation of the whole world.

And now, on this Easter Day, Christ is risen from the dead! And we rejoice wholeheartedly; because the power of love has never been more present as Christ destroys death forever! As Catholic Christian disciples, we share in the Lord's paschal mystery – His passion, His death and HIS RESURRECTION! The glory of the Lord is with us now and for all eternity!

Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the beauty of heaven at the Lord's Transfiguration; where His light and radiance shined upon them. The beauty of heaven awaits us; where every tear will be wiped away. But on this earthly journey, we embrace resurrection glory! We unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Christ; as we always keep the vision of heaven; and the radiance and splendor of Christ for ALL eternity in our hearts. May all of you have a wonderful Easter, as we celebrate the powerful resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is TRULY risen from the dead!! God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

# **Pope's Intentions for April 2024**

### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts

of the world.



# **Faith Formation**

# A Journey for Life

From Dawn

May the hope of Easter fill your heart with joy and your soul with everlasting peace. Happy Easter!!!

# Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

vBS will be July 8th-12th
from 1pm to 5pm each day!

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

Register <u>HERE</u>

Theme:

SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship With God!

We are in need of crew leaders! If you are in the 6th-12th grade, let Dawn or Lori know if you want to be a Crew Leader!



## First Eucharist Class

First Eucharist class will meet on Sunday, April 14th from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Social Center.

If you have any questions, contact Dawn or Lori in the Parish Office!

# "The Chosen"

The Chosen Viewing and Discussion Group will meet

**NOT** meet on

Thursday, April 4th.

We will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 1pm in the Social Center.

## Please join us for a Parish Meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6pm in the Social Center!

We will be meeting with Catholic Extension concerning a grant for Faith Formation to implement Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3 to 6 year old children.

More information can be found in this bulletin or call Dawn at the Parish Office!

# YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY From Dawn Important Dates for Youth Group

### Wednesday, April 3rd: NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, April 11th: MS & HS meeting from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday, April 14th from 1pm to 2:30pm in the Social Center.

Candidates are asked to bring their sponsor or another adult with them to class.

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

Happy Easter! May the light of Christ shine brightly in your life, guiding you always.



**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!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parish Meeting on Wednesday April 3rd at 6pm in the Social Center.

All members of our parish are encouraged to come to this gathering!

### WHAT IS CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.

### HISTORY

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We applied for a grant from Catholic Extension in order to start CGS at St. Mary. The grant will be up to \$15,000. Part of the requirement of the grant is that there will be a meeting with a representative from Catholic Extension on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Social Center. Catholic Extension wants to hear from parishioners of all ages and see how much support the parish will give this catechesis.

In CGS, the children meet in the atrium, which is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy. We will need help with making materials for the atrium!

Please join us at the meeting to find out more information about CGS! This will be life giving for our children and our whole parish!

Contact Dawn at the Parish Office if you have more questions!

### Welcome to the Catholic Faith

What a joy it is to welcome those who have been part of the OCIA Process who were received into the Catholic Faith at the East Vigil.

We welcome those who have not been baptized and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil:

### **Michael Honeycutt**

Savanah Reeves

### **Brenda Stoltz**

We welcome those who received conditional baptism\* on Holy Saturday Morning and received Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil:

### **James Casada**

We welcome those who were baptized in other faith traditions and made a profession of faith, received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil:

### Kelli Casada

### **Crystal Keller-Heller**

\***CONDITIONAL BAPTISM** The rite of baptism performed on a person who is entering the Roman Catholic Church and is not certain about previous baptism. This is not rebaptism, which is impossible, since this sacrament can be received only once.

# Liturgical Life

## O Sons and Daughters

"O Sons and Daughters" is a beloved hymn, capturing the essence of Easter joy and the triumph of Christ's resurrection. Dating back to the 15th century, "O Sons and Daughters" originated as a French Easter hymn titled "O Filii et Filiae." Its authorship is attributed to Jean Tisserand (d. 1497), a Franciscan friar. There are several translations into English verse, and the most notable is the one translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

The lyrics of "O Sons and Daughters" recount the biblical accounts of Christ's resurrection appearances, drawing from passages such as Luke 24 and John 20. Each verse paints a vivid picture of the disciples' encounters with the risen Christ, from Mary Magdalene's encounter at the empty tomb to the disciples' disbelief turned to awe as Jesus appears among them. These verses encapsulate the transformative power of Christ's resurrection, turning sorrow into joy and sadness into gladness. It invites us to embrace the reality of Christ's victory over death and to rejoice in the promise of new resurrected life found in Christ.

The refrain begins and ends with a three-fold Alleluia. Set to the tune O FILII ET FILIAE, this hymn captivates our hearts with its profound message and invites all to join in the celebration.

Let us join with generations past and present in proclaiming the good news of Easter:

"O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King, O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!"







Christ the Lord is risen And, as all the world rejoices, Singing of His glory With such joyful hearts and voices, May you find that Easter brings you Peace and faith and hope anew, And may these blessings fill your heart With joy the whole year through.

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# A great big

# THANK YOU

to everyone who brought food, set up and cleaned up at the Easter Vigil reception. We could not have done it without you.

You are amazing!!!

Final amount donated to  $\frac{1}{2}$ "Street  $\overset{}{\sim}$ Outreach  $\checkmark$  $\bigstar$ Ministry" ☆ from our ☆ Lenten  $\bigstar$ Soup & Bread is \$1,174.00  $\checkmark$ 

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Thank you!

HOSPITAL MINISTERS Our Parish Office will be closed April 1st & 2nd.

All hospital visits will be handled by Deb or Fr. Tim as needed.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

Join us for Hospitality in the gathering space on April 13th & 14th after each Mass! If you are able to help with goodies or setting up, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 406-442-5268 or email dkralicek@stmaryhelena.org

We are still looking for additional help with Communion visits at Edgewood. Training will be provided! Call Deb in the Parish Office, if interested. Would not be every week!!

# SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

# New Life in Heaven and on Earth



Each season of the year brings us ancient but ever-new ways to love, appreciate and enjoy God's beautiful gift of our planet earth and to give thanks to Him who is eternally loving and creating. This is especially true of Easter. After experiencing the radical faith, hope and love expressed by Jesus as he suffered and died, we are filled with indescribable joy, thanksgiving, praise, and hope at His resurrection. As the spring light returns and the days lengthen, new life emerges in our world as it has in our spirits. As the first robin of spring erupts in song and the early crocus bursts through the snow, consider this traditional hymn-read it as a prayer or sing it as a hymn of praise.

# For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Folliot Pierpoint

(Written on a spring day in 1864 as a poem to illustrate the first article of the Apostle's Creed, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth…")



As part of our Easter Season celebration, we can explore our piece of the planet to find, enjoy, appreciate and nurture new life as it emerges. We can clean up the ravages of winter and prepare for spring planting, all the while giving thanks to our Creator.

Lord, let us cherish protect, enjoy and give thanks and praise to You for your beautiful creation, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Written/compiled by SMCC Care for Creation Ministry

# SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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



As we celebrate the beautiful promise of Christ's Resurrection, may our prayers include the "least among us." Let us remember our leaders that they may be open to using their power and influence for the COMMON GOOD.

This prayer includes mention of the President, but any leader's name, country, state or city could be inserted as we pray for the transformation of hearts and minds. May all, everywhere, be a Resurrection People!

# An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator, As we greet the signs in nature around us: Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us, As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet, We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President. Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013. <u>https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/easter-prayers#Easter%20Morn</u> St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

# A Place of Prayer and Reflection to Celebrate Diversity

We are many parts, we are all one body,

and the gifts we have, we are given to share.

~ Marty Haugen

Our Saint Mary Catholic Community is united at the core in our faith and as beloved children of God. We are also wonderfully diverse in our cultural heritages, some of our ideas, and in the unique gifts God has given to each one of us. Hospitality is important to us. We strive to be a welcoming community that values, as Jesus does, all who come through our doors. We want everyone who enters to find a spiritual home and a place in our community. Each person enriches our community in a unique way that no one else can. As we connect with and come to know each other better, we strengthen our community which is the body of Christ.

Saint Mary Catholic Community has honored and celebrated the diverse cultures in our community over the years in many ways. For example, we once had a tradition of multiethnic dinners at Epiphany. **Father Richard Francesco** made Italian dinners for us. Last December, **Adam Mendez** and his family cooked an excellent Mexican dinner as we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To continue and expand on this tradition, a concerted effort is underway to honor and celebrate, with food, art and music, the various cultural heritages that make up the Saint Mary community. For several weeks, beginning on April 17, there will be a special place in the gathering space to pray, celebrate and learn about Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Native American culture. The Saint Mary quilting group is making a star quilt for this place and Charlotte Kelley is providing a statue of Saint Kateri and information about her and those who have a special devotion to her. A piece of music written for her will be included in the Sunday mass on April 13-14. Her place in the gathering space will be blessed in a special ceremony at Mass on Wednesday April 17.

Saint Kateri, informally known as Lily of the Mohawks because of her chastity, is the first Native American woman to become a saint. She led a holy, inspiring, courageous life. She is known for her steadfast devotion to Jesus. She took the name Kateri, which is Mohawk for Catherine of Sienna. At least two healing miracles are attributed to her. She was canonized by Pope Benedict in 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. She died on April 17, 1680. Her Feast Day is July 14.

Around the country there are four national shrines, numerous statues and many schools, parishes and other Catholic Institutions named after Saint Kateri. She has a huge following in the United States and is of particular importance to Native Americans. The Tekakwitha Conference meets annually. People gather in Kateri Circles to pray, seeking to become better Catholics.

This space will also be available to other cultures to use for temporary exhibits to feature their traditions and special saints.

Please contact Dawn at the parish office if you are interested in sharing a cherished tradition or devotion with art, music, food or in some other way.

All are invited.

# Helena Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

"COME TO ME" MATTHEW 11:28



Sr. Deirdre Byrne



Mother Mary Paul



Kendra Von Esh

# 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



# Register by Mail / Rates

#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2024**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO New Evangelization for the World

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO New Evangelization for the World PO Box 775 / Helena, MT 59624

Early Bird \$63 (closes March 15) Individual \$73 (to April 3) / Student \$15 (to April 3) At the Door (lunch not guaranteed), April 13 \$83

For each additional attendee, attach on separate paper all "ATTENDEE" info as below.



NAME (Attendee)

#### ADDRESS

#### CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE Circle one: Home / Cell / Work

#### EMAIL

PARISH - add city/state if outside Helena

#### LUNCH SELECTION

Included if registered through April 3, 2024 Must be chosen in advance.

- Turkey Club Wrap
- Roast Beef Croissant
- Cobb Salad
- Mandarin Orange Salad (Gluten Free)

#### ONLINE

Registration available at www.Helenacwc.com

Speakers



# Sister Deirdre [Dede] Byrne

Sister Dede Byrne has spent her life serving others while wearing uniforms. She is a board-certified surgeon who

trained through the military. She served as a Doctor in Afghanistan and other foreign places. In 2000, Cardinal Hickey asked her to come to Washington, D.C. to serve the poor. She met the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts there and fell in love with them. She eventually became a Sister of the Little Workers. She is now the Director of the Catholic Charities Medical Clinic in D.C., where refugees, poor, and uninsured are cared for. When asked how she lives her dual life, doctor and sister, she quoted St. Mother Teresa, "she is a sister first." Her vocation is a "healing ministry and God is the healer and Little try and stay out of His way."



# Mother Mary Paul

Mother Mary Paul is with the Sisters of Divine Grace, Their desire is to make known to the world the healing Love of

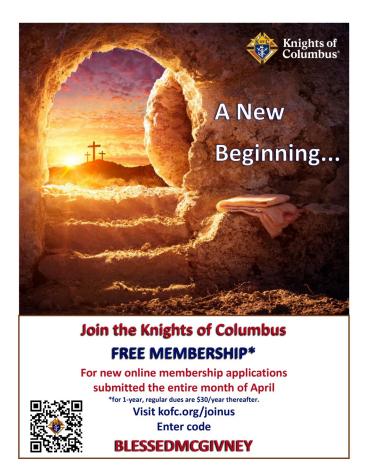
Our Lord, Jesus Christ through the living out of their religious consecration and ministries that touch the hearts of God's people. Sisters of Divine Grace live a simple life embracing poverty, chastity, and obedience. They believe that the inherent and the fundamental purpose of human life is to fall in Love with Jesus. They seek to set hearts on Fire with Jesus.



# Kendra Von Esh

Kendra Von Esh is a passionate and engaging Catholic Speaker, Faith Coach, and author, Kendra is known

for her down-to-earth style mixed with the right amount of humor and emotion. She leads you in proven methods to go deeper in prayer, ways to discern God's will, and inspires you to keep Him the center of your life. The books she has written include 'Am I Catholic?' and 'Need a Miracle, Now!' Rev. Francis J. Hoffman (Fr. Rocky) says, "Kendra Von Esh overflows with enthusiasm and passion as she tells of her conversion and reversion and immersion into the Catholic Eaith! Her joy is contagious."



You are invited to an open house and celebration

**311 Power Street** 

April 7, 2024 from 11:00-3:00 p.m.

# Family Promise of Greater Helena

# and First Christian Church

Come tour this piece of Helena history, see the 1885 sanctuary, hear about the Family Promise program and the plans to create an invaluable community center. Enjoy refreshments and cake with friends and neighbors.



# Bingo is back!

Please join Bingo lovers in the social center on Sunday, April 7th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. A monetary donation will be accepted to buy wipes and diapers for Catholic Social Services Baby Boutique. We guarantee treats, fun and prizes! Come any time between 2:00pm and 4:00pm and bring the family!

Come and join us at the Jubilee Garden at Saint Mary Catholic Community!
Are you new to gardening or do not have enough space at home? Are you looking for a sunny space to grow vegetables? Come and garden with us at Jubilee Garden this year.
We have some small raised plots (4 feet by 10 feet) and a few large plots (10 feet by 20 feet) available for the season. The small plots are great if you do not want to bend over to garden.
Small plots are \$30 and large plots are \$50 for the season—water, drip lines, and timers are provided to the gardeners. The garden is also stocked with tools. Just bring yourself, some seeds or transplants, and enjoy the sun. Scholarships are available if needed.
Please contact Joe Beausoleil at 406-431-3158 or jbeausoleil@mt.net .

### Join us in the Jubilee Garden!

## We can use your help on April 20th from Noon to 3:00 PM!

Join us for a workday in the garden from 12pm (noon) to 3pm on Saturday, April 20th.

We will be preparing garden beds for the Food Share plots and completing other tasks around the garden.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a short while or the whole time! We would love for you to come and join us for the afternoon! Questions? Please contact Nina at 406-439-4157. See you in the garden!



Fr. Matthew Spencer is guest speaker for KNEH banquet on Sat., April 20 at Carroll College. Tickets \$40, doors open at 5pm. Fr. Spencer hosted St. Joseph's Workshop on Relevant Radio for many years. Come support your Helena Catholic radio station!



## **Family Promise**

We hosted families from Family Promise during the week of March 24-31 at First Christian Church. Even though it was Holy Week, many volunteers from St. Mary Catholic Community generously gave of their time.

We want to acknowledge the shoppers, those who prepared meals, and the overnight hosts and those that did laundry for welcoming the families and thank all of them for assisting in this ministry.

We would welcome other volunteers to help in whatever way that you choose. Please contact any of the volunteer coordinators for more information.

### We appreciate each one of you!

Sandi Ashley 406-461-5574, Pat Bollinger 406-443-0134, Katie Meyer 406-431-9186, Casey Molloy 406-949-2852, Catherine Ortwein 406-459-9207 and Nancy Robinson 406-431-2532

### Anointing Mass & Lunch

Lunch after 10:00 AM Anointing Mass on Saturday, April 20th in the social Center. Kindly RSVP here https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/ signup/160683 by Monday, April 15th, so that we know how much food to prepare. *If you have any questions,* concerns or food allergies, please call Deb in the Parish Office on 406-442-5268.

### Bingo for the Loneliness Group

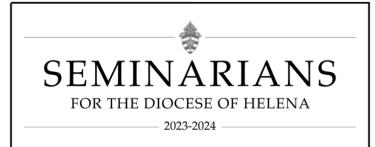
Bingo for Loneliness Group on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 10:30 AM in the social center. Kindly RSVP here

https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/ signup/160688 by Tuesday, April 23rd, so that we know how much food to prepare. *If you have any questions or food allergies, please contact Deb in the Parish Office on 406-442-5268.* 



For a full itinerary and to register, go to: https://www.proximotravel.com/tripstore/?action=view\_trip&triptemplateid=1105 or scan the QR code to the right





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# Special Olympic Athletes

Mo Leo will be selling tickets for the Special Olympics again this year during the weekend of April 13th and 14th after each Mass in the gathering space! There many prizes to win! Please cash or checks only. You can write the check to SOMT. Thank you for supporting

"Special Olympic Athletes."

#### We Pray for all those serving in the Military

Natasha Walker Marcus Peter Andrew Welch Ed Eve, Jr Jack Cotter David Beatty Jackson Haddon Stephen Ceo Lucas Robson Nathan Mill Christopher Casne Tyler Eierdam Colby Smith Cody Gleich Andrew McGuffey Nicholas T Nelson Tristan Anne Driessen

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.

## **Frayers 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:

#### Qulan (Que) Johnson Luciana Frank

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.

"Visit the prisoners" is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy in the teachings of Jesus.

If you would like to know more about this ministry, please join the:

Helena Catholic Journey Community for a presentation

on "Prison Ministry" at our 'Gathering' on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 pm

> St Mary Catholic Community Social Center.

> > All are welcome.

# 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 bildren by by by intervention of committee in Mentered

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

Contrive Promise Voice 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

Habitat 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.

#### Delions Options Clinic: 406-422-1011

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: April 5 10:30 AM at Mount Ascension; April 19 10:30 AM at Cooney; April 26 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 <u>here</u>

- Sunday March 31: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Masses; No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Monday April 1& 2: Parish Office & Church closed for Easter break; No Mass
- Wednesday April 3: No Mass; No Confessions; No RE; No Youth Group; 6:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meeting in social center
- Thursday April 4: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Quilters in St. Ann's
- Friday April 5: 10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension
- Saturday April 6: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Carroll College visit in gathering space after Mass
- Sunday April 7: Carroll College visit in gathering space after each Mass; 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Bingo in social center
- Monday April 8: 12:10 PM Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord; 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 5:30 PM— 6:45 PM OCIA in St. Ann's
- ♦ Wednesday April 10: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; 3:45—5:00 PM RE in social center; 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Youth Group in social center

#### • Friday April 12: No Care Center Mass

- Saturday April 13: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Hospitality in gathering space after 4:30 PM Mass; Special Olympics ticket sales in gathering space after Mass
- Sunday April 14: Hospitality in gathering space after each Mass; Special Olympics ticket sales in gathering space after Mass; 9:15 AM—10:20 AM First Communion class in social center; 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 1:00 PM—2:30 PM Confirmation class in social center



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