

Saint Mary Catholic Community



April 5th, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”

John 20:8

April 12th, 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter

“But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

April 19th, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter

“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”

Luke 24:33

Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM | Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 PM

Upcoming Care Center Masses: April 10 at Touchmark, April 17 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, April 5th—The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-42; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

9:00 AM Mass— for Paul Miller✙

rb: Tom & Jill Larson

11:00 AM Mass— for Joy McGrath✙

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Monday, April 6th—No Mass

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 7th—No Mass

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

No Confessions

Wednesday, April 8th— No Mass

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 9th

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of

Dawn and Molly Walchuck Family

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, April 10th

Acts 4:1-12; John 2:1-14

11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark

for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

Saturday, April 11th

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of

Larry & Teresa Kennedy Family

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Sunday, April 12th— The First Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

9:00 AM Mass— for all souls in Purgatory

rb: Rita Costello

Monday, April 13th—No Mass

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14th

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

12:10 PM Mass— for Sharon Lang✙

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, April 15th—No Mass

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 16th

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

12:10 PM Mass— for Paul Miller✙

rb: Deb Kralicek

Friday, April 17th

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

10:30 AM Mass at Cooney for the intentions of the people at Cooney

Saturday, April 18th

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:16-21

10:00 AM Anointing Mass

2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for Kathy Sampson✙

rb: Deb Kralicek



Masses at Saint Mary

Sunday, April 19th— The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

9:00 AM Mass— for Elizabeth Downs✙

rb: Carol Smith

Monday, April 20th—No Mass

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 21st

Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

12:10 PM Mass— for Paul Miller✙

rb: Lucille O'Leary

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, April 22nd—No Mass

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 23rd

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

12:10 PM Mass— In Thanksgiving for Lynn Shea and James

rb: Nanna

Friday, April 24th

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

12:10 PM Mass— For the intentions of Fr Tyler Frohlich

rb: Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, April 25th

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Tom McGree

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday April 5th:** 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass; 11:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
- ◆ **Monday April 6th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; *Office Closed*
- ◆ **Tuesday April 7th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; *No Mass; No Church History; No Confessions; Office Closed*
- ◆ **Wednesday April 8th:** No Mass; *No RE; No Youth Group*
- ◆ **Thursday April 9th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday April 10th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; *No Prayer in Motion*
- ◆ **Saturday April 11th:** 1:00-3:00 pm Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries; 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass; Hospitality
- ◆ **Sunday April 12th:** 9:00 am Mass; Hospitality
- ◆ **Monday April 13th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- ◆ **Tuesday April 14th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Church History; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 5:30 pm Pastoral Council
- ◆ **Wednesday April 15th:** No Mass; 3:30 pm RE; 5:30 Rosary; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday April 16th:** 10:30am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday April 17th:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion; *Office Closed*
- ◆ **Saturday April 18th:** 10:00 am Anointing Mass and Luncheon to Follow; 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday April 19th:** 9:00 am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday April 20th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- ◆ **Tuesday April 21st:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Church History; 2:00 pm Book Club 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 5:30 pm Finance Council
- ◆ **Wednesday April 22nd:** No Mass; *No RE; No Youth Group*; 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Mauricio López Oropeza Event
- ◆ **Thursday April 23rd:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday April 24th:** 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion; CGS Training in Social Center; 12:10 pm Mass at Saint Mary
- ◆ **Saturday April 25th:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass; CGS Training in Social Center

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

Happy Easter everyone! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad because Jesus Christ is risen, truly risen, from the dead! Death has no power over Him, or over us who walk and trust in Him all the days of our lives.

In God's providential time, Christ came into the world for our salvation and redemption. He was born to the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem—the only two people in the history of the world to be born without sin— so that God's will could be done on Earth.

Our Savior and His mother were protected by Christ's foster-father Joseph, who was told by an angel in a dream to flee to Egypt to avoid Herod's wrath as Christ was an infant. After Herod's death, Joseph was told once again in a dream to return to their native land. Jesus was raised in Nazareth and learned to do what is right and just through the example of His holy parents.

At the age of 12, as our Lord was growing in wisdom and grace, he was in the temple talking with the experts of the Law. They were amazed at his knowledge and understanding of the faith, and at how articulate and present Christ was to all of them.

Jesus learned his carpentry skills from his foster-father Joseph while He continued to grow in maturity and grace in his teenage and young adult years. But the Lord knew something was coming as depicted in His appearance and grace in the temple. Many theological scholars believe that Christ did not fully understand his destiny until His Baptism by his second cousin John the Baptist; as the fire of the Holy Spirit came upon him, the voice of the heavenly Father stated from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

After His baptism, Christ went into the desert to pray, to completely fast, and to be tempted by the devil as our Lord prepared for His public ministry. Christ's Baptism and public ministry took place roughly at the age of 30, as 30 is the age when one is believed to be mature enough to take on leadership in the Jewish community.

Christ then began His public ministry. He preached with great power and authority. He performed many miracles: curing the sick, expelling demons, raising people from the dead, and telling his listeners that the kingdom of God is at hand. He gained many followers as the religious establishment began getting nervous.

Now Jesus never said directly that He was God, but in all four Gospels, Jesus claims equality with God in subtle ways. Again, it was the heavenly Father that stated at Christ's baptism that our Lord was His beloved Son.

By the time that Jesus came to Jerusalem, He knew of His own destiny. He knew that all of His disciples except on would abandon Him, and He would suffer and die a brutal death for the salvation of the world. Many of the people who placed palm branches at His feet were those same people who chanted "Crucify Him" to Pilate and the religious leaders because Christ would not deny He was God on that fateful Friday.

Jesus went through a horrific and awful death; He was humiliated, beaten, and ridiculed. He had a crown of thorns placed on His head that ripped His skull as He carried His cross to Cavalry, at which He continued to be ridiculed by the crowd. It was at the foot of the Cross that Mary, his mother and the one who Jesus loved, prayerfully witnessed His death.

Jesus was placed in a tomb with a stone rolled in front of it, and many thought that was the end of the story— that the one many believed was the Savior was just a moment in history. Three days later, Mary Magdalene, the one for which Jesus expelled seven demons, and a great disciple of our Lord, went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus with spices because the burial on Friday was rushed due to the approaching Sabbath. Mary Magdalene was the first to witness Jesus's resurrection and as she ran to tell the Apostles that she had seen the risen Christ. She became known by many as 'the apostle to the apostles'.

Easter is the most powerful day in the history of the world! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, truly risen from the dead, now and forever. We live in a world of trials and tribulations as we are called to carry particular crosses throughout our lives. But we also have many resurrection moments: moments of great joy, triumphs, and victories as we continue moving forward to the finish line: eternal life with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the Divine Physician, whose power, grace, and healing are with us all the days of our lives. May we rejoice in the glory of the resurrection! And bring the glory of the resurrection to every person in our lives! Praised be Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, now and forever!

God bless all of you! Happy Easter!

Fr. Tim

Pope's Intentions for April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.





**Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice**

As praying stewards, we gathered together as community through Holy Week by attending Palm Sunday Mass, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Stations of the Cross, and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

As ministering stewards, We have gathered for Soup and Bread and the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. We invite you to participate in an upcoming opportunity to provide ministry at the Parish Communal Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries on Saturday, April 11 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

As sacrificing stewards.

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Received: 7/1/25 – 3/31/26	\$409,762.49
Fiscal Year 2025-25 Budgeted: 7/1/25 – 3/31/26	<u>407,521.00</u>
(Difference: Received – Budget):	\$2,241.49

If you are receiving stewardship envelopes and no longer want them sent to you, please contact the office at (406) 442- 5268 or email Danita at finance@stmaryhelena.org. Thank you!

“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.

HABEMUS PAPAM, ACA 2025-26
79 Households with Commitments



■ Goal ■ Committed ■ Collected

Goal	\$ 89,600.00
Committed	\$ 42,554.92
Collected	\$ 39,579.02

**44.33% of
Goal**



ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2025 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

PROTECTING ALL WE HOLD DEAR THROUGH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Meet Your New Director of Liturgy and Music

We welcome Nicole Graefe, our incoming Director of Liturgy and Music. She brings a great amount of enthusiasm and musical proficiency, and will be a wonderful compliment to our parish staff. She will be graduating from Carroll College with a Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Studies and a minor in Sacred Music and English Literature.



SMCC Food Share Donations

During the month of March, SMCC donated 272 lbs of food to Helena Food Share!
Thank you for your generosity!

SMCC Solar Energy

As of Thursday, April 2nd at 9:00 am SMCC solar panels have produced 206.78 MWh of energy worth \$23, 780.03!

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.

Hospital Communion Ministry

With concern for your privacy, should you be admitted to St. Peter's Health, you will be invited to disclose your religious affiliation and your interest in having a member of Saint Mary Catholic Community contact you during your hospital stay. If you'd like to receive Communion from a Pastoral Care Minister or Father Tim Moriarty, it is important that you answer the questions that enable the hospital Chaplain to contact Saint Mary for you. The nurse completing your intake will ask if you'd like to visit with the Chaplain, Kim Pepper (a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish), or disclose your religious affiliation and will then inquire if you'd like someone from your faith community to visit you. The Pastoral Care Ministry of Saint Mary Catholic Community would love to provide you with comfort during your hospital stay.
Please let the hospital staff know if a visit would be helpful for you.



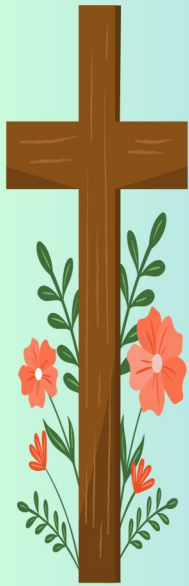
St. Peter's Health



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life



Welcome to our newest members of the Catholic Faith!!!
What a joy it is to welcome Tom Johns to our Faith!
Please continue to hold him in prayer throughout this Easter Season as he reflects upon the mysteries he has experienced!



The Church History Group will not meet again until Tuesday April 14th at 1:00 pm in the Social Center!

First Eucharist Class

First Eucharist Class will meet on
Sunday, April 12th from 10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Social Center.

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

First Communion Celebration

First Communion will take place on
Saturday May 2nd at the 4:00 pm Mass. Please pray for all who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the 1st time on May 2nd!

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

VBS will be **August 3-7** 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

April 8th NO YOUTH GROUP—Easter Octave

April 15th: MS and HS Youth Group from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm

April 22nd: Normal Youth Group Canceled: All are invited to Parish Presentations

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates!

We will have a retreat on Sunday, April 12th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm with Sponsors in the Social Center.

Confirmation will take place on May 3rd at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Helena.

Come Holy Spirit!!!!



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



Legendary Lodge Scholarship Fund

Legendary Lodge Camp is a **life-changing faith experience** for our youth. Each year, **25–30 teens from our parish** attend camp, and many are only able to go because of the support of the **Legendary Lodge Scholarship Fund**. The cost to attend camp is **\$450**, and your generosity helps ensure that no youth is unable to attend due to financial hardship.

If you would like to donate or learn more, please contact **Dawn**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our youth!



2026 Summer Camp Season CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 14-19 Junior High #1

July 12-17 High School #2

June 21-26 High School #1

July 19-24 Junior High #2

July 5-10 5/6th Grade Boys

July 26-31 5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5th**. Opens for all other registrants Jan 9th.



Join us for Family Camp!

June 28-30

Registrations open March 2nd, 2026

Camp Rates

Early Bird
(Register before Jan 25th)

\$425

Standard Rate:

\$450

Please join us on from April 22–24 for Carroll College's Student Research Festival

The Student Research Festival (SRF) is our annual research event taking place in April. This is a wonderful chance for Carroll College students to show off their amazing research.

We invite you to join us for an exclusive talk by **Mauricio López Oropeza** on *Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm* at **St. Mary's Social Center**, as well as the SRF Keynote on *Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 pm* at **Carroll College**. The program will conclude with a closing panel on *Laudato Sí* on *Friday, April 24 at 4:00 pm* at **Carroll College**, followed by a reception.

SRF 2026 Keynote Speaker: **Mauricio López Oropeza**

Mexican by birth, Ecuadorian by adoption, and Amazonian by choice. **Mauricio López Oropeza** is the former Director of the Center for Pastoral Action of CELAM and is responsible for the methodology and listening process of the First Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean. He was the first Executive Secretary and co-founder of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM), as well as co-founder and current lay Vice President of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA).

W E D N E S D A Y , A P R I L 2 2

With Mauricio López Oropeza

BETWEEN RUPTURE AND BELONGING: LISTENING TO OUR EARTH, LISTENING TO EACH OTHER

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

**St. Mary's Social
Center**

This lecture explores synodality as a lived, spiritual practice rooted in deep listening that reshapes community, authority, and mission, especially in times of transition. The presentation reflects on both the power and vulnerability of truly listening to one another, to marginalized voices, and to the cries of the earth, revealing how such attentiveness disrupts exclusion and invites a return to Gospel-centered accompaniment. Drawing on the Amazon as a mirror of our shared planetary future, Mauricio highlights how its social, ecological, and spiritual realities illuminate the urgent need for collective transformation and renewed belonging.

Hosted by St. Mary's Care for Creation Ministry.



2026 SRF INFORMATION

We invite you to join us! All events are open to the public. For more information about SRF please visit:

www.carroll.edu/srf

or scan the program QR code below.



THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 PM–8:00 PM SRF Keynote by Mauricio López Oropeza

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM–4:00 PM Posters/Presentations

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Closing Panel: *Laudato Sí* by Mauricio López Oropeza

5:00 PM–6:00 PM Reception following the closing panel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Carroll College Campus



Comfort Food CHALLENGE

Helping Children
and their Families
Overcome
Homelessness

Sunday
April 19
4pm – 7pm

**Carroll College
Campus Center**

Enjoy delicious food samples from restaurants and Church congregations. Raffles and Silent Auction Baskets.




Charlotte Schulte

A Reflection from one of our youth

Saint Carlo Acutis Carlo Acutis was born in May of 1991 in London, England, but both parents were Italian. Not long after he was born, the family moved back to Milan, Italy. Neither of his parents were religious when he was born; his mother was confirmed when she was in college and married in the church, but she didn't attend Mass before Saint Carlo was born. Carlo was interested in the faith and had many questions for his mom, so she decided to come back to the faith. He received his First Communion on June 16th, 1998, when he was 7. St. Carlo would receive communion frequently and would attend Eucharistic Adoration daily. There were many Saints that Carlo was interested in, including St. Francis of Assisi, Padre Pio, and Mary Magdalene. He also had a special devotion to St. Michael the Archangel.

When he was 14, Carlo was asked by the parish priest to create a webpage for his parish. He also created a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle. The website was started in 2004 and unveiled on October 4th, 2006. But St. Carlo was hospitalized and couldn't attend the unveiling. On October 1st, 2006, Carlo developed inflammation in his throat; he was diagnosed with parotitis and dehydration. On Sunday October 8th he was too weak to get out of bed after his pain had been getting worse. He was then diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. He fell into a coma soon after. On October 12th, 2006, St. Carlo passed away at 15 years old. He was canonized on September 7th, 2025, by Pope Leo, alongside St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, after two intercession miracles (the healings of a four-year-old Brazilian boy and a 21-year-old woman) and his body was found to be incorruptible. St. Carlo is an amazing example for the youth of the Catholic Church. He was just 15 when he died, but he devoted his life to God.

When I think of Saints, I sometimes think of older people who had this amazing experience that brought them closer to the church and made them want to help people in and out of the church. Sometimes it's hard for a teenager who grew up in the Catholic Church to relate to that scenario. We are all called to be Saints, but when you're a teenager in today's world, that's something that is hard to visualize. St. Carlo is the most recently born Saint. We can relate to him because he did the same things we as teenagers do now - go online, wear Nikes, etc. When you have someone you can relate to, it is easier for you to think, "Oh, that could be me, too". St. Carlo played soccer and loved video games. That's the same as what many teens do now. St. Carlo Acutis is a great example for teenagers to stay close to the Lord and grow in your faith.

PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE  SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**A JOURNEY
with the
SHROUD
of Turin**

Thurs., APRIL 9, 2026 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
120 W Riggs St., East Helena, MT 59635

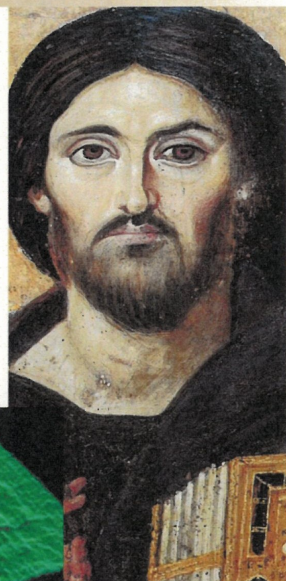
Mysteriously imprinted on an ancient, linen cloth is an image of a man tortured and crucified in the manner described in the Gospels. Many believe it's the burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

Explore the science, history, art, and Scripture, then decide for yourself: What could the Shroud reveal? Who is the man?



Mary Jane Fox
Presenter

Co-Founder and Co-Director of Pilgrim Center of Hope in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband Deacon Tom Fox; Mary Jane left her career in the 1980s to live as a Catholic evangelist. She has led pilgrims to see the Shroud in Turin, and holds a Post-Graduate Certificate In Shroud Studies from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Mary Jane is a Dame Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and has presented on the Shroud to thousands including Knights and Ladies at the Order's Southwest Regional Convention.



“intriguing and informative” “Wonderful!” “Eye opening.”
“Very moving.” “I am so glad that I had this opportunity!”



No cost to the public!
Donations are welcomed.

CONTACT
(406) 227-5334
Parish Office

Volunteer Opportunity

The Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry will be assembling “Kid Food Packs” at Helena Food Share on Tuesday, April 28th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Parishioners are invited to help make approximately 1,000 food packs. The work involves walking but does not require heavy lifting.

If you would like to help, please contact Keaton at the Parish Office or sign up at the kiosk in the church. Please provide your email address and phone number. Thank you!



Family Promise Comfort Food Challenge

Family Promise Comfort Food Challenge will be held at Carroll College on April 19th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Saint Mary Catholic Community is once again participating in this fundraiser for Family Promise.

The Chicken White Bean Chili will be prepared the day before in the social center kitchen. Workers are needed to help with this dish. Also, three workers will be needed on Sunday, the 19th, to serve the chili at the fundraiser. Please sign up on the kiosk to prepare on Saturday or work on Sunday, or call Jan Buyske at (406) 450-0595. Thank you in advance for any help you can give!



Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, at 1:00 at Memorial Park (by the Veterans Memorial next to the swimming pool).

Kids will have two separate egg hunting areas, for ages 0-6, and for ages 7 and up.

Eggs have an average of 2 pieces of candy, such as Hershey kisses, Reese's, licorice, Kit Kats, Jolly Ranchers, etc. Some eggs will have \$1 coins. Over 1400 eggs will be there for the hunters. The eggs are usually all found within 10-15 minutes. There is no cost.

Sponsored by the Hibernians and Knights of Columbus Council 844.



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!



Anointing Mass

Please join us Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 am for our Anointing Mass.
There will be a luncheon to follow!



The Parish Diversity Celebration Invites You to Celebrate

Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)
Patron of the Internet and Social Media,
Inspiration to the Youth and to Us All

Carlo had a deep Eucharistic life, attending mass daily. He was devoted to Mary, praying the rosary daily. He became known as “God’s Influencer,” using the internet to spread the Catholic faith. He served people suffering from poverty and illness in his community.

- ~ The exhibit describing, honoring and celebrating Saint Carlo will be created the week of April 6.
- ~ The **Blessing**, offered by Deacon Michael, will be after mass **Sunday April 19** in the gathering space. Charlotte Schulte, daughter of Meghan and Ryan, will inspire us with a personal reflection as will Molly Stetzer with the song “Never Too Young.”



St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry Invites You

Human Trafficking in the Helena Area

presented by

Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Leo Dutton

6: 30 pm on Tuesday, April 29 in the Social Center

Learn about human trafficking and how to identify it, how to educate young people, and how to intervene effectively.

Keep the young people in our community safer.



SMCC Care for Creation Ministry

“Between Rupture and Belonging: Listening to our Earth, Listening to Each Other”

Mauricio López Oropeza

“Mauricio Lopez Oropeza’s work integrates faith, synodality, social justice, and care for creation in ways that resonate deeply with the call of *Laudato Si’*” stated Carroll College’s Kathleen O’Leary. Carroll will host Oropeza as the keynote speaker for their Student Research Festival on April 23rd and SMCC is fortunate to have him at our parish on April 22nd. The Helena community is welcome to both events. Oropeza’s vast experiences include: the first Executive Secretary and co-founder of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network; co-founder of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon created after the 2019 Amazon Synod; a member of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican; Ignatian layperson and former World President of the Christian Life Community.

Oropeza’s presentation at SMCC titled “Between Rupture and Belonging: Listening to our Earth, Listening to Each Other” will include the following:

Synodality as a lived practice, not a concept

Moving from structure to spirituality: listening as a transformative act that reconfigures community, authority, and mission—especially in moments of pastoral transition.

The power and risk of listening

What it means to truly listen—to one another, to the poor, and to the cries of the earth—and how this challenges systems of exclusion while calling us back to the Gospel through accompaniment.

The Amazon as a mirror of our shared future

Why the future of the Amazon is not regional but planetary—and what its social, ecological, and spiritual fractures reveal about our collective trajectory.

Mauricio Lopez Oropeza will share his wisdom and experiences on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM at SMCC. Please join us for this incredible opportunity.

*This Easter – “Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.” *Laudato Si’* 244*

Saint Francis Peace Through Justice

The End of Lent and the Beginning of Easter – Play Ball!

Are we relieved that Lent is over? Were we able to keep our Lenten commitments? Did we give up anything? Did we reach outside our small circle to help someone else? Did we pursue some spiritual reading? ***Or is our relief due to new-found freedom from the guilt we may have because we didn’t measure up?***

No worries! Easter is a new beginning, and in a big way. Jesus has risen from the dead! Imagine that! And with that rising is the invitation for us to ***rise up!*** Rise up from disappointment in ourselves, from sadness and guilt when we have missed the mark. Whether we hit it out of the ballpark this Lent, fouled, or struck out we can pick up the lessons from the Lenten journey and go forward with both new aspirations and some of the old. ***Jesus is truly risen and shining the Light of the Holy Spirit on our continuing path forward to wholeness and holiness! Take heart – Game on! We begin again!***

A word of encouragement from St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Jubilee Garden

All are welcome in the garden. We will have a garden preparation day on Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, we will be planting plots for Helena Food Share. Help us feed our neighbors. Come and help us either for a short time or all day. More hands make easy work. For more information contact Nina Heinzinger, nheinz3@yahoo.com or (406)439-4157.



De La Salle Blackfeet School - Browning, MT - Blackfeet Nation Reservation

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Brother Dale Mooney, F.S.C. from the De La Salle Blackfeet School Ministry will be in attendance at services on April 25th and 26th.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so directly through the parish or by using the provided QR code. Donations can also be mailed to De La Salle Blackfeet School, 104 1st Street NW, Browning, MT 59417.



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We are for CREATION.
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made.

Prayers for the Deceased

Pieta Barber

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

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!

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Guatemala Mission:



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Helena Community Gardens: 406-529-1364



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Helena Food Share: 406-443-3663



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