

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Friday:

8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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

Reconciliation

Wednesday:

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

3:00—4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed & Thurs 12:10 p.m.

Friday Care Center Masses

April 19—10:30 AM Cooney

April 26—11:00AM Hunter's Pointe

May 3—10:30 AM Mount Ascension

May 10—11:00 AM Touchmark

May 17—10:30 AM Cooney

Third Sunday of Easter April 14th, 2024

“And he said to them,
“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.””

Luke 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21st, 2024

“(…) I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:11-18



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, April 14th—Third Sunday of Easter

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

8:00 AM Mass—for Stella McDonald †

rb: Joanna Haddon

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of RoseAnn Bradley
rb: Diana Kulow

Monday, April 15th—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16th

Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Jeff Kreamer & family
rb: Darcy Kreamer

Wednesday, April 17th

Acts of the Apostles 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of all 7 sisters
rb: Darcy Kreamer

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 18th

Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Gloria Vital
rb: Diana Kulow

Friday, April 19th

Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

10:30 AM Mass at Cooney—for Msgr. John McCarthy †
rb: Ann McCormick

Saturday, April 20th

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

10:00 AM Anointing Mass followed by lunch in social center

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Clif Caughron †
rb: Anna Miller

Sunday, April 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of Sharon Redpath
rb: Barbara Schaeffer

Monday, April 22nd—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 11:1—18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23rd

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

12:10 PM Mass—for Msgr. John McCarthy †
rb: Fr. Tim

Wednesday, April 24th

Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

12:10 PM Mass—for Doris Foucher †
rb: Margy Kernan

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 25th

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

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. George Dumais, SJ. †
rb: Fr. Tim

Friday, April 26th

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

11:00 AM Mass at Hunter's Pointe—for the intentions of
Jack & Sarah Norum
rb: Darcy Kreamer

Saturday, April 27th

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—for Gregory Urban †
rb: Rocco Mongelli



**Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice**

As praying stewards: Family and friends gathered for the Funeral Liturgy of Luciana Frank, we introduced our first Parish Diversity Celebration by honoring Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Native American culture and our parishioners gathered for the Anointing Mass.

As ministering stewards: We give thanks to our Hospitality team, who always provide a welcoming atmosphere to all, and to our garden ministers, who worked hard in the Jubilee Garden to prepare garden beds for the Food Share plots. Our parishioners also gathered for a nice lunch after the Anointing Mass.

As sacrificing stewards:	03/31/24 & 04/07/24	
Pew/Mail:	\$5,375	\$6,137
Direct:	\$ 370	\$1,703
Online:	\$1,579	\$2,091
Total	\$7,324	\$9,931

Easter Collection: \$9,055

Stewardship Income

FY 23-4	7/1/23 – 03/31/24	\$387,057
FY 22-3	7/1/22 – 03/31/23	\$360,916
Difference		\$ 26,141

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!



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From Father Tim

This is a delayed Solemnity, as you know. Normally the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on March 25th. But because that date landed within Holy Week, and the week after is the Octave of Easter – where each day of the week is celebrated as Easter Sunday, the Church moved this Marian feast to April 8th. Whatever date this Solemnity lands on, we are filled with joy, as we honor the Blessed Mother who surrendered to the will of the heavenly Father in bringing the Christ Child into the world.

At the greeting of the angel Gabriel, Our Lady is filled with some fear and confusion – as the angel tells this young woman that she has found favor with God. She has to be wondering why? Why me? Why am I ‘blessed among women,’ and how can I conceive without knowing man?

The angel tells her that she will be conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit; because God is love. Mary is the favored one – born without sin to bring our Savior into the world – and the power of the love of God has no boundaries.

So Mary’s life will completely change. She was confused, with all kinds of questions in her heart – but she surrendered to the will of the heavenly Father; regardless of the emotions going on in her soul. Mary is a great example to all of us of total surrender to the Father. That is what it takes; relying totally on the Spirit of Christ that is in our hearts. But it’s up to us to surrender. Love is a decision; not a feeling. It’s an act of the will. Just as the Lord loves all of us with an undivided heart; we have to cooperate with the grace of God. We have to love our Lord with all of our hearts as well. Because we are never truly happy until we do the will of God in our lives. And when we surrender to the will of God in our lives, we will be blessed far more than we can ever imagine!

Mary, the mother of God and our mother as well, totally surrendered to God’s will, and changed salvation history forever. The beauty and glory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are celebrating was made possible through His Mother’s surrender to the Divine Will of God. May all of us surrender to God’s will without reservation; as we will be filled with great peace in doing so; the peace that only the Lord can give.

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB. 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.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

From Dawn



Welcome to the newest members of our Catholic Faith! What a joy to welcome Brenda, Savannah, Crystal, Kelli and James to our Faith!

Please continue to hold them in prayer throughout this Easter Season as they reflect upon the mysteries they have received!!!

First Eucharist Class

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

We will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday April 28th at the 10:30am Mass!!!

"The Chosen"

The Chosen Viewing and Discussion Group will meet on April 18th and 25th. at 1pm in the Social Center.

Question of the Week

April 14th and 22nd

Theme: Seeing the Risen Christ and Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Question: When are some times that you know Jesus is with you?

How do you experience God protecting and guiding you?

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 [HERE](#)

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!



YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, April 10th: MS & HS Meeting from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 17th: MS & HS meeting from 6:30pm 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!***

RADIX Adventures

Camps!

RADIX Adventures is an outreach of
Christ the King parish in Missoula.

We integrate the raw, intense and
difficult wilderness experience with the
foundations of our faith in the context of
a 6-day backpacking adventure.

We will celebrate mass each morning and
dig into our rich Catholic tradition each
evening while covering 5-8 miles of
wilderness trail, climbing mountains,
catching cutthroat trout and learning
wilderness survival skills during the day.

Cost: \$500

2024 Session Dates

Session #1: July 7-12

Session #2: July 14-19

Registration Information:

<https://www.ctkmsla.com/radix>



Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be
celebrated on Sunday, April 21st at 3pm
at the Cathedral.

***Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates
who will received this Sacrament!***

Curtis Cole

Freya Elias

Margaret McDonald

Austin Mehrens

Maci Mehrens

Carter Petre



**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

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!

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

Dr. Wendy Yuen

THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is about hope and renewal. It is a moment that marks the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. In the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties, Christians find inspiration in the promise of Christ's Resurrection. One hymn that beautifully captures this theme of renewal and new beginnings is "This is a Day of New Beginnings" written by the text writer Brian Wren (b. 1936), with the tune written by composer Lori True (b. 1961). This hymn serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of Christ's Resurrection in our lives.

In Christian hymnody, the collaboration between text writers and composers is often a harmonious dance, weaving together words and melodies. Wren, a prolific hymn writer, has partnered with numerous composers to craft hymns that inspire Christians around the world. One such fine collaboration resulted in the creation of "This is a Day of New Beginnings." Through their partnership, Wren's powerful lyrics and True's energetic melody combine to form an inspiring hymn of hope and renewal.

Wren, a British-born hymn writer and theologian, is renowned for his ability to craft thoughtful lyrics that resonate deeply with congregations. Drawing from his background in theology and a deep understanding of Scripture, Wren's lyrics are characterized by their poetic beauty, and profound theological insights. He once said, "a hymn is a poem, and a poem is a visual art form. The act of reading a hymn aloud helps to recover its poetry and its power to move us—the power of language, image, metaphor, and faith-expression."

The hymn captures the essence of Christian hope and renewal, drawing upon themes of resurrection, forgiveness, and the promise of new life in Christ. Wren's opening lines set the tone for the hymn's message of transformation in this Easter season. The hymn invites us to embrace the hope and renewal found in Christ's Resurrection.

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the triumph of Christ's Resurrection, may we be filled with renewed hope and faith, confident in the promise that through Christ, all things are made new.

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM AT ST. MARY!

We are delighted to share that our cantors, choir, pianists beautifully sang and played in the Holy Week and Easter Sunday Mass. Their uplifting melodies enhanced our worship in the Mass. If you have a passion for music and a desire to serve the church community, we warmly invite you to consider joining the choir and/or becoming an instrumentalist in our music ministry team here at St. Mary.

If you are interested in joining the choir or becoming an instrumentalist, please reach out to our Music Director, Wendy Yuen at wYuen@stmaryhelen.org.





Thoughts
from Deb

Pastoral Care



Just a Beginning

There is an epidemic of loneliness in the United States and lacking connections can increase the risk for premature death to levels comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, according to a new advisory from the U.S. Surgeon General.

A recent report, titled "*Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation*," finds that even before the COVID-19 pandemic, about half of U.S. adults reported experiencing measurable levels of loneliness.

And it warns that the physical consequences of poor connection can be devastating, including a 29% increased risk of heart disease; a 32% increased risk of stroke; and a 50% increased risk of developing dementia in older adults.

Loneliness is something that both young and elderly deal with. It can be the result of broken relationships, death of a spouse or other loved one, retirement, moving or starting a new school or job. So what can we do?

Recently I and a few others met with Dr. Dave Krainacker to brainstorm what we could do to help those in our parish. It is about community and knowing that people care. A variety of ideas were discussed from crafty workshops, lunches, games (trivia, cards, etc.). At this time for our first gathering we have scheduled Bingo on **Friday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m.** with a light lunch to follow in the social center. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the morning. If you or someone you know would like join us call the office. **If a ride is needed please call and arrangements will be made.** If you have ideas on what we can do for those that are alone or feel isolated, please contact Deb in the parish office.

You can **RSVP to the office by April 23rd** (406) 442-5268 so we can plan accordingly or just call the office. Any questions or concerns, feel free to call or email Deb (406) 439-2319 or dkralicek@stmaryhelena.org. Looking forward to seeing you. To RSVP go to: <https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/160688>

ANOINTING MASS | SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

AT 10:00 A.M.

A LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN SOCIAL CENTER.

Please RSVP here:

<https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/160683>

OR call the Parish Office, so we have a rough count for lunch.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Are you up to date? If not, please complete all bulletins you have not done. If you are made inactive you will not be allowed to continue volunteering. Questions? **Call Deb in the parish office: 406-442-5268.**

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." Mother Teresa

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

A Time for Action

The long, dark nights and quiet, prayerful days of Lent are past. We emerge into the light and hope of Easter and the beauty of spring inspired by the words of Pope Francis: “Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness.” - (Homily, April 2019).

With these words in our mind and heart, we begin anew the challenge and promise to nurture our planet and foster a loving and healthy home for all of God's creatures. With small but determined actions we can all make a difference; we can all sing “Laudato Si” (Praise be to You) loud and long as we work to make this world the paradise God intended it to be.

In a recent publication, there was a thought-provoking challenge: “Go one day without any plastic.” This, of course, would end as soon as you picked up your toothbrush...or the carton of eggs in your refrigerator...or touched your cell phone cover. Plastic is a part of our life and in spite of the many concerns about disposal and recycling, some of it is essential and good.

Perhaps a more realistic challenge would be: “Go one day without any single-use plastic.” No water or soda bottles...no straws...no disposable coffee cups....no take-out food in plastic containers....no groceries bagged in plastic...no produce double wrapped in plastic, all of which gets thrown out as soon as we get home. Challenge yourself to one full day of not having any single-use plastic to dispose of. At the end of the day, stop to think how much you gave up—couldn't buy or couldn't use because of single-use plastic, then make a plan for the next day and the day after. Carry your own water bottle and coffee mug; bring reusable grocery bags and mesh produce bags with you every time you shop; patronize restaurants that make take-out available in cardboard containers, or better, in containers that you bring with you; shop at stores where you can buy in bulk with your own containers, and avoid both the plastic and the waste of having to purchase more food than you want or need.

Small changes in our lives can make a big difference. We can all make small changes individually. Together we might change the world.

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

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

Working for Peace in the Middle East

Becoming People of Peace

Presentation by Dr. Jeanette Fregulia, Ph.D. at SMCC 2/25/24

Shalom and Salaam Alaykum, peace in Hebrew and Arabic, respectively, are the common greetings for Jewish and Arabic people and sorely needed for the region torn so frequently by the devastation of war. Jeanette began her presentation with an explanation of the common core beliefs and history of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian religions all of whom have deep roots in Israel-Palestine and consider it their Holy Land. These roots begin with Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael (*Genesis 16:1-17:27*) and the history recorded in the Old Testament. Our shared beliefs and philosophy continue to this day.

The modern conflict between Israel and Palestine can be traced back to 1914 and the beginning of WW I. After WW II, the return of the Jewish people to the Israel-Palestine region accelerated significantly as Jews living in Europe had no safe home to return to. Their narrative was “a land without people and a people without a land.” The Palestinian narrative was that the land had 5 million Palestinians currently living within it who wanted independence from colonial powers. The current conflict, although couched in religious/ethnic terms, is “modern and secular” and is about control of the land and water. Jeanette showed maps illustrating the significant expansion of formerly Palestinian land that is now controlled by Israel since it became a country in 1948.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is complex and goes beyond determining which side is right and which side is wrong. It involves developing an “understanding of both sides and the history of the oppression of the Palestinian people by the Israelis.” “To critique Israel is not equivalent to antisemitism and to advocate for an end to fighting and for justice for the Palestinians does not mean support for Hamas.” Jeanette encouraged us to pray and advocate for peace, to educate ourselves, and to spread the word to others about injustice on both sides. New leadership in both countries could increase the chances of forging a strong peace agreement. Many people in the younger generation want an end to war so their children can grow up in a country blessed with the many benefits of peace.

There may be lessons here for us as we engage in repentance through our Christian practices and as we face conflict and divisiveness in our own country and in our own lives. How do we respond to people with whom we disagree? How do we handle our anger, fears, and grief? Are we able to show the strength, compassion, mercy, love, and forgiveness that Jesus teaches? Can we practice Namaste - the God in me beholds the God in you? Are we becoming people of the peace of Christ?

Jeanette’s presentation was dynamic, informative, enlightening, sobering, and energizing.

And it included delicious Middle Eastern food she prepared herself! You can view her presentation here:

<https://youtu.be/hN8qnhE4lQU?si=Hhj57kXOSO2a6-eD>. It comes highly recommended.

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. **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!

Easter Flower Offering

We are so grateful for the Easter environment that was created in memory and honor of your loved ones. May they share in the eternal life of the Risen Christ!

In Memory of:

Mary Claire Bruce

Meta Johnson

Hilda Perry

Paul J. Farlan

Robert C. Bruce

Lynn Maki

Margaret Swan

Mary Kelly McCue

Maria Lee

Ballas family

Larson family

Jeanette & Thomas Kelly

Mary & Monte Egeland

Patrick Kelly

Robert & Vi Coleman

Arvid & Rhea Lundin

Harry & Frances Fry

Kelli Fry

In Honor of:

Gail Launon

Cristy, Ramona & Valerie



Helena Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

"COME TO ME" MATTHEW 11:28



*Sr. Deirdre
Byrne*



*Mother
Mary Paul*



*Kendra
Von Esb*

Mary Our Mother

Friday, April 12, 2024 ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

5:30 pm Mass & Rosary offered for families
All are welcome

Saturday, April 13, 2024

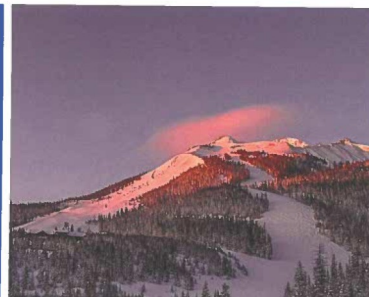
Women's Conference, Adoration,
Confessions, Vendors, Fellowship
Helena Civic Center

visit Helenacwc.com



A Vigil for the Earth

An Interfaith Earth Day
Reflection & Meditation
April 20, 2024



Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates (HICA)

Native American, Jewish, Buddhist, Catholic,
Protestant, Unitarian, Bahá'í

Plymouth Congregational Church – 400 S. Oakes St.

April 20, 2024 – Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Magpie Drummers – Interfaith Reflections – Healing Tree Creation –
Labyrinth Walk

To learn more, visit:
Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates Facebook Page

News from Carroll College

Blessed to Be Your Diocesan College

Scholarships for Catholic School Graduates!

For 2024 graduates of Catholic high schools that apply and are accepted to Carroll **by May 1**, the Catholic Room Grant provides approximately 50 percent off the cost of housing for freshman year. **For more information, email fao@carroll.edu.**

Save the Date: Celebrating the 9th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

⇒ Parish Clean Up on May 4 | 9:00am to 11:00am

(Light breakfast will be provided)

⇒ Speaker Event: Protecting MT for Future Generations
on May 5 in the Social Center | 9:10am-10:20am (between Masses)

Please bring a treat to share! Coffee will be provided.

**Job Opening:
Administrative Assistant/Communications Coordinator
St. Mary Catholic Community
Helena MT**

St. Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified administrative/communications professional to support the operations of St. Mary Catholic Community. This position reports to the Pastor/Finance Director and is responsible for providing an advanced level of administrative support for the parish, including overall office management, reception and clerical support, service to the general public, and communications efforts of the parish.

Candidates should have an associate's degree and at least two years of administrative experience, or the equivalent education and experience. Strong organizational and communications skills are essential.

This is a full-time position, working 40 hours per week. The hourly pay range will be \$17.50 - \$19.00 per hour, depending on experience. This position does include benefits.

[Click here](#) for a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position.

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelena.org.

This position will remain open until filled, with a first look on April 17, 2024.

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on Tuesday, April 23rd with guest speaker Father Marc Lenneman. Our meeting will be held downstairs at the Brewhouse at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Find us on Facebook at *Devotions On Draft* and *Helena Catholic Young Adults* or on Instagram [@devotionsondraft_hln](#)



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Final Bingo

The final Bingo game for the season will be held on **Sunday, May 5th from 2-4 p.m.** Bring your family to enjoy fun, fellowship, treats and win prizes. The organization benefiting from this month's game is the **St. Mary Homeless Pantry.**

Items needed for the pantry are: *sunscreen, water, granola bars, applesauce containers, sunglasses, plastic spoons.* Monetary donations to purchase these items will also be accepted.

Come and join the fun!

Knights of Columbus #844

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

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

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

Immaculate Heart Co-op, a local Catholic homeschool enrichment program, is currently registering students, ages 3-12, for the 2024/2025 academic year. Immaculate Heart Co-op is a structured program for homeschool families that provides a weekly opportunity for academic, spiritual, and social growth in a faithful and joyful Catholic community.

Please join us

Monday, May 13, at 7:00pm

for an information night.

If you are interested, please

***email immaculatehearthelelena@gmail.com
for more details.***



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!

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Join Fr. Joe Paddock on a 10-day, once-in-a-lifetime trip to Ireland!

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We will celebrate Mass together daily and plan to visit many towns and historical sites. Highlights include visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest church in Ireland, the monastic site of St. Kevin in Glendalough, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the ruins of Glencolumbkille named after St. Columba, one of Ireland's three patron saints, and much, much more! You will also have opportunities to enjoy traditional Irish music and dance, shopping in the famous Grafton street area, the rugged coastal scenery of Giant's Causeway, a visit to the Bloody Sunday Memorial, the Slieve League on the Atlantic Coast, Silver Strand Beach, the Cliffs of Moher, Our Lady of Knock, and much more!

For a full itinerary and to register, go to:
https://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1105
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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.*

You are invited to our
Roast Beef Parish Dinner
on Sunday, April 28, 2024
at 6 PM in the Social Center!

RSVP here <https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/163035>

or call the Parish Office.

Please pay directly at the dinner.



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2023-2024

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- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

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.

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**Thank you for supporting
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We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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Lucas Robson	

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

Prayers for the Deceased

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

Therese Obrigewitch

(Sister-in-law of Rita Krushensky)

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 children by building and strengthening families in Montana.



De La Salle Blackfeet School: 406-338-5290
Provides a quality , innovative and faith-based education to students on Blackfeet Reservation, that they may become successful learners and able participants in the shaping of their community.



Family Promise: 406-465-9467
Helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through an interfaith network of hospitality.



Friendship Center: 406-442-6800
Supports victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse with a broad range of support at no charge.



God's Love: 406-442-7000
Supports homeless in our community and helps provide food and shelter.



Good Samaritan Ministries: 406-442-0780
Supports family life in our community and enhance human dignity with services to meet the physical health, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families.



Guatemala Mission: Established in 1964, our diocesan mission at Santo Tomás la Unión, Guatemala is comprised of a school, a clinic, and the mission headquarters. The mission provides essential services to poor people in the coastal highlands of the country.



Habitat for Humanity: 406-449-4663
Self-described "Christian housing ministry" is devoted to building simple, decent, affordable housing in the Helena area. (www.helenahabitat.org)



Helena Community Gardens: 406-529-1364
Makes gardening accessible to low-income families, people with disabilities and the elderly, increasing access to healthy locally grown food. Our Jubilee Garden, which donates fresh organic produce to Helena Food Share, is a member of the Helena Community Gardens family. (www.helenagardens.org)



Helena Food Share: 406-443-3663
Creates a hunger free community with emergency food boxes monthly and weekly produce and breads.



Options Clinic: 406-422-1011
Guided by a commitment to respect for life, Options offers a wide range of health care services to men and women free of charge. (www.optionsfriends.org)

If the good work of any of these organizations resonates with your desire to serve, please feel free to contact them—and please mention that you are from Saint Mary Catholic Community.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

Each person is **SACRED**, made in God's image, equal in dignity.

Each person is **SOCIAL**, called to participate in family and community.

All people have **RIGHTS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**, The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

We care for people who are **POOR** and vulnerable, before all else.

Workers have rights. **WORK** has dignity. We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We are for **CREATION**. We live in interdependence with all God has made.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:10 PM Mass
- ◆ Fridays: Mass *at rotating sites in local care centers.*
Coming up: April 19 10:30 AM at Cooney; April 26 11:00 AM at Hunter's Pointe; May 3 10:30 AM Mount Ascension; May 10 11:00 AM Touchmark; May 17 10:30 AM Cooney
- ◆ Wednesdays: Confessions 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
- ◆ Tuesdays: Eucharistic Adoration after the 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM
- ◆ Saturdays: 3:00—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30 PM Vigil
- ◆ Sundays: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
Livestream Masses available [here](#)
- ◆ Sunday 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
- ◆ Monday April 15: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 5:30 PM—6:45 PM OCIA in St. Ann's
- ◆ Wednesday April 17: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions; 3:45 PM—5:00 PM RE in social center; 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Youth Group in social center
- ◆ Thursday April 18: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Quilters in St. Ann's
- ◆ Friday April 19: 10:30 AM Mass at Cooney
- ◆ **Saturday April 20: 10:00 AM Anointing Mass** followed by lunch in social center; 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Jubilee Garden Work Party
- ◆ Sunday April 21: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center
- ◆ Monday April 22: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 5:30 PM—6:45 PM OCIA in St. Ann's
- ◆ Tuesday April 23: 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Journey Gathering meeting in social center
- ◆ Wednesday April 24: 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 26: 11:00 AM Mass at Hunter's Pointe; 10:30 AM Bingo for Loneliness Group in social center
- ◆ Saturday April 27: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
- ◆ Sunday April 28: First Communion celebration at 10:30 AM Mass; **No Children's Liturgy of the Word**; 6:00 PM Parish Dinner in social center

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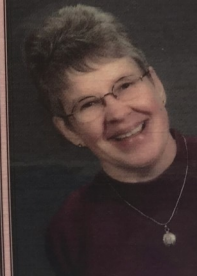
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