

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Livestream

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

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

Reconciliation

Wednesday:

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

3:00—4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses

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

Friday Care Center Masses

May 2— Mount Ascension

May 9— Touchmark

May 16— Cooney

April 20, 2025
**Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection of
the Lord**

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

John 20:9

April 27, 2025
**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



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 20th—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

8:00 AM Mass for Dan O'Leary✙
rb: Hal and Carolyn Nelson

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

Monday, April 21st—No Mass

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Office Closed for Easter

Tuesday, April 22nd—No Mass

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Office Closed for Easter

Wednesday, April 23rd

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

12:10 PM Mass for Kathy Fuson✙

rb: Charlotte Fleiner

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 24th

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

12:10 PM Mass for Bob Brouillette✙

Friday, April 25th

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

12:10 PM Mass for Dan O'Leary✙

rb: John and Janice Blodnick

Saturday, April 26th

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

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil for Kelly O'Loughlin✙

rb: The O'Loughlin Family

Sunday, April 27th—The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

8:00 AM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass—for the deceased members of the Avery and Seipp Families

rb: Glenda and Michael Seipp

Monday, April 28th—No Mass

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

Tuesday April 29th

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

12:10 PM Mass for Sharon Lang ✙

rb: Catherine Ortwein

Wednesday, April 30th

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

12:10 PM Mass for Dan O'Leary✙

rb: The Hubley Family

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 1st

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

12:10 PM Mass

Friday, May 2nd

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

10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension
for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

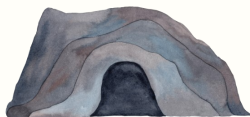
Saturday, May 3rd

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil for Sharon Lang✙

rb: The Lang Family



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We are gathering as community during this holiest weeks of all weeks, as we move from the season of Lent into Triduum. We hope your Lenten journey and sacrifices have been a meaningful spiritual journey for you. We look forward to celebrating our most sacred Mass of the year, Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

As ministering stewards: We met during Lent for Evening Prayer, Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread. Donations cheerfully given at Soup and Bread totaled \$570.00, and have been remitted to the Diocese of Helena, for the benefit of our Guatemala school. Thank you for your generosity!!

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 3/31/25	\$397,586
Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 3/31/25	<u>\$392,945</u>
Difference: (Received – Budget):		\$ 4,641

Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts (FY 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 3/31/25))

Church Skylight Repair (Estimate):	\$14,465
Church Furnace Replacement:	\$12,025
Font Repair:	\$20,000*
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	<u>\$18,720</u>
Current Need:	\$65,210

Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received: \$49,434

Difference (Received – Need): (\$15,776)

*20,935 has been raised to date towards the repair of the Baptismal font. We are close to the completion of this project! *Thank you for your generosity!*

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



Parish Staff and Parish Councils at your service

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Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Mike Blend, Jan Buyske, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Mary Munger, Casey Molloy, Hal Nelson, Jeff Tobin, Tyson Schulte, and Merelee Cloninger

Finance Council Members: Bruce Baumgart, Dave Brown, Jana Gruber, Julie Johnson, Jerry LaChere, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moulet, and Maureen Stohl.

From Father Tim

Happy Easter everyone! May the peace of the risen Lord be with you and all of your families. This weekend, we celebrate the greatest Feast of all-time, as Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Death has no power over Him or over us who follow the Lord with all of our hearts!

During this Lenten season, we have been preparing for this wonderful moment through fasting and reflecting on the Lord's love and mercy, just as Christ went into the desert to prepare for His public ministry, to fast for forty days and be tempted by the devil. Later, Christ is Transfigured before Peter, James, and John to illustrate the beauty of heaven that awaits them~ as long as the Apostles~ and all of us~ are willing to take up our crosses on this earthly journey.

The parable of the fig tree illustrates God's patience, but also the urgency of conversion or turning back to the Lord, because we do not know the time nor the hour when the Lord will call us from this life. The Lord also emphasizes that we HAVE to love one another, because love comes from God. That love is instilled in all of our hearts, and LOVE NEVER FAILS. Christ tells us that true freedom comes from Him, and not from the law. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the law and the prophets, because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the one and only way to salvation.

Then we celebrated Palm Sunday: the Passion of our Lord, as Christ enters Jerusalem to a hero's welcome, only to be brutally beaten and die on the Cross a few days later for not denying He was God.

And now we celebrate Easter Sunday; the holy of holies, and the greatest day in the history of the world! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the world is changed forever. He told His disciples about His upcoming resurrection, but they did not understand~ and we would not have understood either. But in 2025, WE KNOW AND WE BELIEVE, because the Apostles were firsthand witnesses to His miracles, His preaching, and His death and resurrection. And they proclaimed this message to the whole world~ that JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!!

This is THE DAY that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! May the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ transform our hearts and lead us to everlasting life!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim



Pope's Intentions for April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.





Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

Life in the CGS Atrium

Could God be calling you to something new?

The last few weeks in the atrium, we will celebrate Easter! The kids will unbury their "Alleluias" and learn about the empty tomb. It has been an amazing year. Our parents share how much their kids have grown in their faith and all of us who are catechists have grown as well. We hope to start a level 2 CGS for kids 6 to 9 next summer, but we can't do that if we don't have enough catechists. The training for CGS is a lot of time, but in so many ways, it is more of a retreat experience than a class. The presentations are so moving and will inspire you to think about your faith in a whole new way. Please consider registering for the training we are offering at Saint Mary's next year. Saint Mary's will pay for your registration. There are always 2 people in every atrium session.

Please pray and consider joining us for this training.....space is limited!

Level 1 Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Saint Mary's

Schedule Part A

- September 26-28, 2025
- October 24-26, 2025
- March 27-29, 2026;
- April 24-26, 2026
- June 4 - 6 & June 8 - 9, 2026

Cost: \$600 - Tuition (will be paid by Saint Mary's) Click [HERE](#) to register:

Contact Dawn for more information!

First Communion

First Communion will take place on May 4th at the 10:30 am Mass. Please pray for all who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on May 4th!

Thursday Movie Group

All are invited to join our Thursday Movie group! We will watch a movie followed by a discussion.

We will meet on April 24th to begin the movie ***I Can Only Imagine***.

Call Dawn for more information!

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

Important Dates for Youth Group

April 23: NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

April 27th: Confirmation Retreat from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in Social Center

April 30: MS and HS youth group meeting from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates!

We will have a retreat on Sunday, April 27th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm with Sponsors in the Social Center.

Confirmation will take place on May 4th at 3:00 pm 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!

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 bestow!

**2025**
DATES & RATES

June 15-20 Junior High #1	July 6-11 Junior High #2	July 27-August 1 5th/6th Grade Girls
June 22-27 High School #1	July 13-18 High School #2	CAMP RATES Early Bird Rate: (Register in January) \$400 Standard Rate: \$425
June 29-July 1 Family Camp	July 20-25 5th/6th Grade Boys	

REGISTRATION OPENS
January 3rd at Noon for families who live within the Diocese of Helena
January 8th at Noon for families who live outside the Diocese of Helena

Liturgical Life

Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Dr. Wendy Yuen

The Easter Vigil is the high point of our liturgical year—a night filled with beauty, and joy. I remember standing outside the church, gathered with the community around the Easter fire, as we began the Service of Light. Then, inside the darkened church, Deacon Michael's voice rang out as he chanted, "Christ our Light," and our attention turned toward the Paschal candle—a powerful symbol of the crucified and risen Christ. During the Liturgy of the Word, we listened once again to the great story of our salvation, and we celebrated all that God has done for us.

This year, we are blessed to welcome Zachary Banks, our catechumen and Devlin Simon, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation into full communion with the Catholic Church. They have walked a journey of faith and formation, and now they rise with Christ through the waters of Baptism. As a parish family, we rejoice with them and pray for them, for in Christ, we are one Body—"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it" (1 Cor 12:27).

This sacred night resounds with the triumphant hymn, "*Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise.*" Its verses invite all of creation to join the song of Easter:

"Let the holy anthem rise,
and the choirs of heaven chant it
in the temple of the skies!
Let the mountains skip with gladness
and the joyful valleys ring
with hosannas in the highest
to our Savior and our King!"

This is the heart of Easter. Christ is risen, and we are invited to rise with Him—now and forever.

The Easter Vigil reminds us that we are one Body in Christ. As we lift our voices in song, may we embrace our mission as a people transformed by Resurrection—called to witness, to serve.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

You're Invited!

Organ & Trumpet Concert at Saint Mary Catholic Community

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special concert featuring **Carl Anderberg (Trumpet)**, **Larry Irwin (Trumpet)** and **Wendy Yuen (Organ)** on **Saturday, April 26 at 12 noon** at **Saint Mary Catholic Community**.

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon of music, including works by **J. S. Bach** and **Hans-André Stamm**. Come, bring a friend, and be lifted in spirit by the power and joy of live music in our sacred space! Admission is free. All are welcome!

Pastoral Care

Divine Mercy Sunday — April 27th

A Personal Testimony of Hope

After our son Will died, my husband and I began praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet day and night. It became our anchor in those painful first weeks. Months later, I prayed a novena to St. Faustina, asking that she would intercede for and accompany our son at the moment of his death, and that he had the grace to hope and trust in the infinite love of Jesus.

Just minutes after finishing the final prayer, a friend arrived at our door with a miraculous medal touched to the relics of St. Faustina — and Mass had been offered for our son in the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Poland. A profound signal grace that gave us immense peace.

This Divine Mercy Sunday, I invite you to receive — or offer — the plenary indulgence Jesus promised through St. Faustina. You can receive this grace for yourself or offer it for a loved one who has died.

As Fr. Chris Alar explains, it requires:

- Confession (within 20 days)
- Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday)
- Prayer for the Pope's intentions
- Detachment from sin
- Participating in Divine Mercy devotions (prayers before the Blessed Sacrament)

A plenary indulgence is a powerful spiritual gift — the full remission of the temporal punishment of sin. What a gift of mercy from the Heart of Christ!

Jesus, I trust in You.

Beth

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen! A Reset



Christ is risen, Alleluia! The somber, solemn introspection of Lent is behind us! *What do we do with this gift, this sublime awareness that Christ has overcome death?*

It is tempting to bask in the warm glow of this profound fact and belief of our faith. Indeed, we all need to take a deep breath, savor the joy of this realization and let go of some of our darkest fears. After all, Jesus is with us! Christ is risen! He has overcome death!

Easter as a new beginning may be a wonderful time to initiate a reset in one aspect of our faith journey – our awareness of and engagement with Catholic Social Teachings. Why Easter? Perhaps because we have been strengthened by our Lenten journey and because, with our darkest fears in the hands of the Risen Christ, we can go forward with more energy and positivity. ***This is not the darkness of Lent, this is the spring of new life!***

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops lists seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. *Examining these with renewed appreciation, we may consider them in our own life and actions.*

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

“We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.” USCCB*

Call to Family, Community and Participation

“The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.” USCCB

Rights and Responsibilities

“...Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.” USCCB

Option For the Poor and Vulnerable

“A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring in a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor...” USCCB

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. USCCB

Solidarity

“We are one human family... Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace.” USCCB

Care For God’s Creation

“We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth ...is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.” USCCB

With the joy and renewal of Easter let us consider the multiple ways we can engage, with positivity and hopefulness, in these faith mandates. *Indeed! An Easter Reset!*

*<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching> (all quotes)

Compiled by members of the St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

building our common home



The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.

Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI', 2015

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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

SMCC Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary Celebration – May 18 (Between the Masses) 9:15-10:15 AM

Art and Environment

The Power of Symbol in Liturgical Theology: The Meaning of Water and the Baptismal Font

Dr. Wendy Yuen

In the life of the Church, symbols are not mere decorations—they are living signs that make present the mysteries they represent. The liturgy is about our faith, which is beyond immediate experience. In liturgical theology, a symbol is more than a visual aid; it is a means by which God communicates His grace and invites us into His divine life.

Symbols, like water, light, and bread are ordinary things which have a deeper meaning. Among the most profound symbols in our worship is water, especially as it is encountered in the baptismal font. Water has a rich biblical and sacramental significance. From the waters of creation (Genesis 1:2) to the great flood (Genesis 7), from the parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14) to Christ's baptism in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17), water has always been a sign of both life and transformation. In the sacrament of Baptism, the baptismal font becomes the sacred place where new life begins. Through the waters of Baptism, we die to sin and are baptized into Christ, becoming members of His Body, the Church (Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

The baptismal font, therefore, is not just a basin of water; it is a powerful sign of God's saving action. We are born anew, and through baptism, we are washed clean from the effects of original sin. Every time we bless ourselves with Holy Water upon entering the church, we recall our own Baptism and our identity as God's children. Liturgical symbols, like water, are meant to draw us deeper into the mystery of faith. They engage our senses, helping us experience God's presence. As we enter into church and see the baptismal font, may we be reminded of God's call to us to live as disciples of Christ, always renewed by the life-giving waters of His grace.



FANNING THE FLAME...



HISTORY...ART...ENVIRONMENT OF SAINT MARY

DON'T MISS... SUNDAY APRIL 27TH at 9:15 AM

The ***Fanning the Fire ministry*** team will present a special slide show on the history of the ***baptismal font at Saint Mary. New*** parishioners, ***current, long time*** parishioners...***everyone PLEASE COME.*** You will hear remarkable stories and see precious photos of this cherished part of our parish's history, including photos of our church taken ***before*** our 1997-1998 renovation.

Mark your calendar and join us for this inspiring presentation! Sunday treats, coffee and juice will be provided.



Easter Egg Hunt

Helena Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians invite you to bring your youngsters to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will take place at Memorial Park at 1:00 sharp on Easter Sunday, the 20th. Two divisions are boys and girls 6 years and younger, and the other 6 years and over. Eggs will be filled with candy treats and some with money for a few lucky participants. Hope to see you there!

As part of our effort to support justice for the Native Americans in our community during these challenging times, the Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry is sponsoring a presentation on

Native American Cultural Awareness Presentation

by

Mike Jetty,

**Indian Education Specialist Indian Education for All Team,
Office of Public Instruction**

Tuesday April 29, 5:30 pm, Social Center

Mike is a respected, knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. He is an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation and a Turtle Mountain Chippewa descendant. He has deep roots in the Catholic church. He has been working with and advocating for Indian Education for 32 years.

"...every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency... In today's world, many forms of injustice persist, fed by reductive anthropological visions and by a profit-based economic model that does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings."

-Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB

Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God. Micah 6:8

Statues of Saint Mary for Her May Celebration

In the Catholic church, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Mary is our inspirational model of faith, humility, love and obedience. Her “yes” to God’s will changed our lives and the lives of all the world. In times of trouble, she is our perpetual help. Her feast days in May are the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13 and the Feast of the Visitation is May 31. Mother’s Day is May 11.

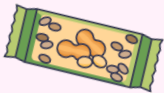
As part of the Saint Mary Catholic Community celebration honoring Mary, an array of statues and pictures of Mary will be set up around the back of the baptismal font throughout the month of May. The RE kids will incorporate a visit to the statues of Mary into their Crowning of the Mary statue in the Gathering Space on May 7. Watch for bulletin articles on each of the three permanent statues of Mary in our church building.

You are invited to spend time this month with Mary saying the Rosary, praying your favorite Marian prayers, singing or listening to your special Marian songs, reading and meditating on scriptures about Mary or celebrating her in your own unique way. Listen to her gentle guidance.

Fill your heart and soul with her tender, abiding love for Jesus and for you.

If you have a statue or picture you would like to lend to the display, please bring it, marked with your name, to the parish office, or contact Deb Kralicek or Sandi Ashley by April 30.

Blessing of the Statues 12:45 Thursday, May 1, 2025
Followed by Coffee and Treats
Fanning the Fire Ministry



Now that winter is pretty much over, we are no longer in need of hats, gloves, scarves, etc. However, we are in need of food: granola bars, trail mix, nuts, individually-wrapped jerky.

Anything that can be eaten without utensils. Also, small bottles of water are welcome.

Thank you so much for your continuing support of the Blessing Box.



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Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

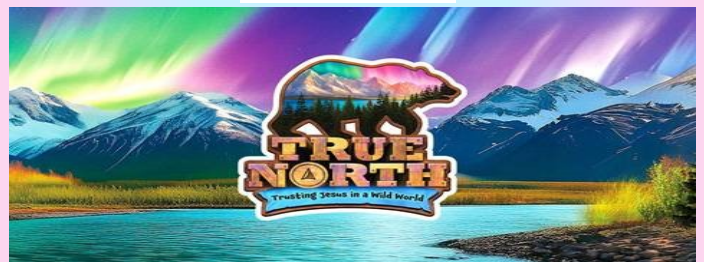
VBS will be June 16-20
from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM each day!

Who: Children entering Kindergarten – 5th
Grade

Theme:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Register [HERE](#) or Scan the QR code



Director of Liturgy and Music

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Director of Liturgy and Music to support the operations of Saint Mary Catholic Community. The Director of Liturgy and Music will provide leadership in the planning, execution and celebration of all parish liturgical celebrations, with responsibility for preparing both liturgical and musical elements. The Director will help the parish worship and celebrate through a balance of contemporary and traditional music styles while encouraging the full, active and conscious participation of the assembly in the liturgy. As a member of the Pastoral Staff, the Director is expected to take an active role in the full life of the parish. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent education/experience in Liturgy, Sacred Music, Pastoral Studies, Theological Studies, or a related field. Strong organizational and communications skills are essential. This is a part-time salaried position, working 32 hours per week, with benefits. Annual salary range is \$39,000 to \$47,500, depending on experience. For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at www.stmaryhelen.org. Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelen.org. This position will remain open until filled.

Blue Sunday



Blue Sunday will be recognized nationally on April 27, 2025. On this day, faith communities across the nation will help raise awareness of family resources in their own communities, furthering the mission to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect in Montana. In honor of Blue Sunday, Saint Mary Catholic Community will display blue pinwheels, the symbol of a happy childhood, in the yard outside of the church.



Spring Parish Cleanup Day



Join us on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for Saint Mary Catholic Community Parish Cleanup Day! (Weather Permitting)

Bring your gardening gloves, your clippers, your weeding tools.



Coffee and treats will be offered after the cleaning!



"When did I see you in Prison?"
Matthew 25:39



Prayers for the Deceased

Sharon Lang

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

When a member of your family dies and the funeral is somewhere other than Saint Mary, please call the Pastoral Office and let us know.



OPTIONS CLINIC | ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET | MAY 1, 2025 | HELENA CIVIC CENTER

You're Invited!

Learn more or register at

optionshelena.org/banquet

Options
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education center

Featuring
Steven Holland



Questions?



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An Evening FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

SUPPORT & HEALING

Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of separation or divorce?

You are not alone. We invite you to *An Evening for the Separated & Divorced*, a free event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing separation or divorce.

Date: April 22 **Time:** 7 pm EDT **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Presenters:

- Carolyn Klika, Catholic Divorce Healing Coach, Abounding Joy Ministry
- Bob Babecka, Witness to Marriage

Topics Include:

- ✓ Coping with anger, guilt, shame, loneliness, fear, identity & more
- ✓ Healing spiritually & emotionally

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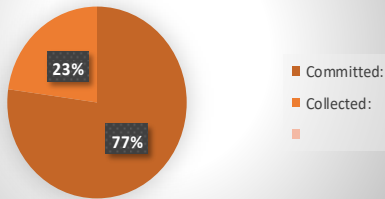
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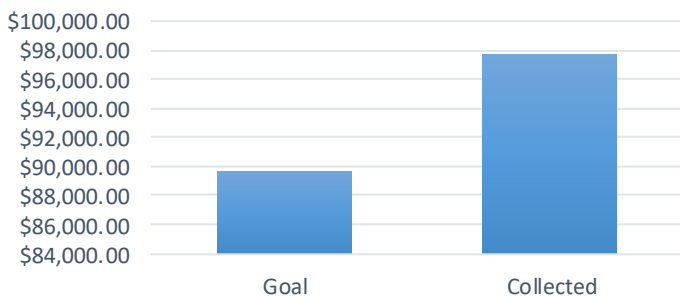


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- ♦ **Sunday April 20th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; *No Children's Liturgy of the Word*; Happy Easter!
- ♦ **Monday April 21st:** No Mass; *Office Closed*
- ♦ **Tuesday April 22nd:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; No Mass; *Office Closed*
- ♦ **Wednesday April 23rd:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; *No RE; No Youth Group*
- ♦ **Thursday April 24th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:30 pm Choir
- ♦ **Friday April 25th:** 12:10 pm Mass at Saint Mary Catholic Community
- ♦ **Saturday April 26th:** 1:00 pm Organ and Trumpet Concert; 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass; Farewell Reception for Wendy Following 4:30 pm Mass
- ♦ **Sunday April 27th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ **Monday April 28th:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ♦ **Tuesday April 29th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Wednesday April 30th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 3:45 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday May 1st:** 12:10 pm Mass; 12:45 pm Blessing of the Mary Statues; 10:00 am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 5:30 pm Choir
- ♦ **Friday May 2nd:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension
- ♦ **Saturday May 3rd:** 9:00 am– 1:00 pm Parish Cleanup Day; 9:30 am– 1:00 pm First Communion Rehearsal; 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass; Hospitality Weekend



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

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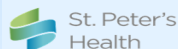
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