

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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<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 3—10:30 AM Mount Ascension
May 10—11:00 AM Touchmark
May 17—10:30 AM Cooney

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28th, 2024

“(…) I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit (…)”

John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5th, 2024

(…) This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. (…)”

John 15:9-17



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 28th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8
8:00 AM Mass—for the special intentions of Jill Larson
rb: Jill Larson

10:30 AM Mass—for the People of the Parish

Monday, April 29th—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30th

Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the Seipp & Avery families

rb: Michael & Glenda Seipp

Wednesday, May 1st

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. Tom Flynn †

rb: Fr. Tim Moriarty

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 2nd

Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

12:10 PM Mass—for Erica Day †

rb: Nuria Day

Friday, May 3rd

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

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

Diana Faulhaber

rb: Betty Lahn

Saturday, May 4th

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26; 34-35; 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Clif Caughron †

rb: Michael & Mary Foot

Sunday, May 5th—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26; 34-35; 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

8:00 AM Mass—for Qulan Johnson †
rb: Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

10:30 AM Mass—for Msgr. John McCarthy †

rb: Fr. Tim

Monday, May 6th—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday, May 7th

Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. George Dumais S.J. †

rb: Fr. Tim

Wednesday, May 8th

Acts of the Apostles 17:15; 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. Tom Flynn †

rb: Fr. Tim

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 9th

Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

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

rb: Fr. Tim

Friday, May 10th

Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark—for the intentions of
John Boyd

rb: the Boyd family

Saturday, May 11th—Hospitality after Mass

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17; 20: 20-26; 1 John 4:11-16;
John 17:11-19

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—for James Dunbar †

rb: Bill & Helen Dunbar



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We pray for the youth of our parish who celebrated their First Communion on April 28.

As ministering stewards: Our parishioners enjoyed a delicious Roast Beef Parish Dinner. We provided the hospitality of our Worship Space, Gathering Space and Social Center to Helena College for their Nurse Pinning Ceremony and reception. Our parish community gathered for a Parish Outdoor Cleanup on the occasion of the 9th anniversary of Laudato Si' and listened to a talk by senior attorney, Barbara Chillcott, on "Protecting Montana's Environment for Future Generations." We also provided the hospitality of our Worship Space and Gathering Space to Musikanten for their concert.

As sacrificing stewards: 04/14/24 & 04/21/24

Pew/Mail:	\$4,740	\$3,576
Direct:	\$1,370	\$ 295
Online:	\$2,436	\$2,676
Total	\$8,546	\$6,547

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 (March) \$45,662

Average Monthly Expenses \$60,000

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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From Father Tim

St. Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest Gospel. There is very little known about St. Mark; although he did accompany Sts. Peter and Paul at times in their journeys of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

Mark, at times, was an interpreter for St. Peter in his catechesis to Greek-speaking people. Because Peter spoke little Greek, and the little Greek he knew he spoke poorly. St. Mark's 'narrative' in his Gospel was emphasizing the power of Jesus Christ; the Son of God – and known for his mighty works.

St. Mark was the first Bishop of Alexandria, one of the most important episcopal sees, because of location and culture. Mark was eventually tortured and martyred by the people there, because they did not want to give up worshipping their false gods.

After St. Mark's death, his body was buried in a cave by his followers. It is believed that St. Mark died between the years 68 and 72 A.D.

Mark, and all of the Apostles, except John, died martyrs for the faith. And they constantly proclaimed about the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ; for which they were direct witnesses – of both His passion and death – and the GLORY of His resurrection.

Our faith holds true to these accounts. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us great hope amongst this broken and sinful world that we live. Because there is a far better world that awaits us; where we will experience resurrection glory for all eternity. In the meantime, we walk by faith, and not by sight; living the passion, death and resurrection of Christ (the ups and downs of everyday life) – as we walk humbly with our God. And all of us know that this takes total surrender to the will of God in our lives; relying on the Spirit of Christ that is in our hearts; that Spirit of love, joy, peace and perseverance in the faith that will never disappoint. St. Mark, the evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Tim

Pope's Intentions for May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

From Dawn

Please pray for the following youth who will receive the Eucharist for the first time on April 28th at the 10:30am Mass!

*Norah Jane Frank, Irene Lyra Grant, Lilly Marie Lipetzky
Casey Ann Patterson, Charlie Reagan Schneider
Audrey Marie Smith, Jace Joseph Zbaracki
Peyton Lee Zuelke*

***Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive
Holy Communion for the first time.***

***May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.
Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort,
guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.***

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

***May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of
us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen.***

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

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

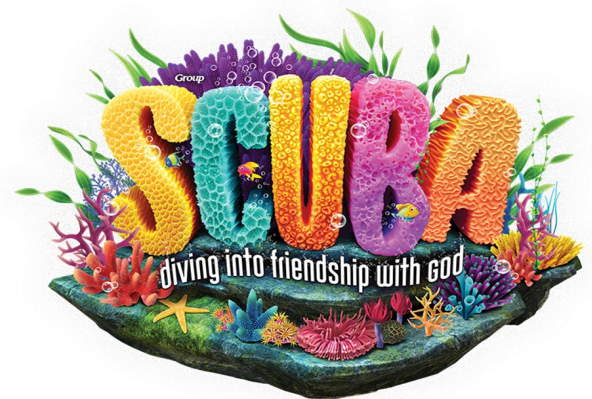
who: All youth entering
kindergarten this fall
through 5th Grade!

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!***



"The Chosen"

**The Chosen Viewing and Discussion
Group will meet on May 2nd and 9th
in the Social Center from 1pm to
2:30pm.**

All are welcome to join us!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, May 1st: Final Youth Group for this school year!

**Blessings to All who
were Confirmed last
Sunday!**



Liturgical Life

Dr. Wendy Yuen

Let Us Sing as We Go

The Saint Mary Care for Creation Ministry graciously invited me to select a song for our upcoming Mass on May 5th, commemorating the anniversary of Pope Francis's profound encyclical, 'Laudato Si.' After thoughtful consideration, I enthusiastically chose "Let Us Sing as We Go," composed by the talented Jaime Cortez. This song finds its roots in the profound themes articulated in Pope Francis's encyclical, which underscores the imperative of global environmental stewardship.

Released in 2015, 'Laudato Si' emphasizes the intrinsic connection between humanity and the environment, drawing upon both scientific insights and religious teachings to advocate for the preservation of our planet for future generations. The encyclical calls upon individuals, communities, and governments to embrace sustainable practices, advocate for social justice, and cultivate a profound sense of ecological responsibility.

Cortez's composition brilliantly encapsulates these themes. In Verse 1, we are invited to rejoice in the gift of life itself, as Cortez underscores the transformative power of music to convey deep emotions and foster unity. This celebration of love transcends boundaries, resonating universally and inspiring us to live with purpose and compassion.

Verse 2 shifts the focus to themes of reconciliation and environmental stewardship, echoing Pope Francis's call for a renewed commitment to harmony with the Earth. Cortez urges listeners to embrace a holistic approach to stewardship, guided by principles of love and interconnectedness, thus paving the way for a more sustainable and compassionate future.

Verse 3 delves deeper into the themes of stewardship, peace, and justice, emphasizing humanity's divine mandate to care for and protect the world. Cortez's lyrics echo the encyclical's plea for a response characterized by humility, solidarity, and adherence to the teachings of Christ, thus fostering a sense of responsibility towards our common home.

The refrain serves as a poignant reminder of our shared duty to care for the Earth, emphasizing that it is not merely a place of habitation but a shared space belonging to all. Cortez's enchanting melody, coupled with the profound message of the song, invigorates the spirit and ignites a sense of collective purpose.

As we unite in song and journey together, let us embrace our role as stewards of God's creation, working diligently towards a future where all life can thrive harmoniously.





Thoughts
from Deb

Pastoral Care



CARING FOR SOMEONE AT HOME—Part 1

Caring for a loved one strains even the most resilient people. If you're a caregiver, take steps to preserve your own health and well-being.

As the population ages, more people are doing caregiving. About 1 in 3 adults in the United States is an informal or family caregiver.

A caregiver is anyone who helps another person in need. A person in need might be an ill spouse or partner, a child with a disability, or an aging friend or relative. Caregivers report higher levels of stress than do people who are not caregivers. It's important for caregivers to know that they, too, need help and support.

Caregiving is rewarding but stressful

Caregiving can have many rewards. For most caregivers, caring for a loved one feels good. And it can make your relationship stronger. But the demands of caregiving also cause emotional and physical stress.

Caring for someone who needs constant care.

Feeling alone.

Caring for a Spouse.

Feeling helpless or depressed.

Having money problems.

Spending many hours caregiving.

Having too little guidance from health care professionals.

Having no choice about being a caregiver.

Not having good coping or problem-solving skills.

Feeling the need to give care at all times.

It's common to feel angry, frustrated, worn out or sad. And it is common to feel alone.

Join in fellowship with other Saint Mary parishioners for the first semi-annual **Adopt-A-Highway cleanup** on **Saturday, May 18** with a barbecue lunch to follow!

Watch for further details in the upcoming bulletin.



April 21, 2024—“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God.” ~Pope Francis

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

*Save the Date: Celebrating the 9th Anniversary of Laudato Si'
Care for our Common Home*

May 4th and May 5th

Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Parish Outdoor Clean Up - Enjoy time with family and friends!

Please bring gardening gloves, your pruners, your rakes, your gardening spades!

Leaf blowers are also welcome.

Coffee and doughnuts available to snack on while we work!

Activity for children: Make a small book – *How I Cared for God's Creation Today*

If you are able to join us in caring for our parish grounds,

please call the parish office to RSVP (406-442-4268).

Sunday, May 5 from 9:10 AM to 10:20 AM (in-between Masses)

Protecting Montana's Environment for Future Generations

Speaker: Barbara Chillcott

- ⇒ Senior Attorney—Western Environmental Law Center (Helena, MT)
- ⇒ **Part of the legal team** for the 16 young plaintiffs in landmark climate change trial (Held v. the State of Montana 2023)
- ⇒ Montana **judge ruled in favor of Montana youth** – what are the implications?
- ⇒ Ms. Chillcott worked closely with the youth and will share her insights, experiences and the big takeaways on the trial.

9th Anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' – On Care for the Common Home

***"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from
our relationship with others and with God." Laudato Si' (119)***

We as Catholics are called to see the **interconnectedness of creation** and to treasure God's world. A powerful prayer inspired by Pope Francis' 2023 apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* (Praise God) is found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website - <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-inspired-pope-francis-laudate-deum-praise-god> - This prayer will be shared before all of the masses on the weekend of May 4 & 5. Within this prayer is wisdom for each of us to embrace:

We pray for cultural conversion — that we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and waste, and exercise prudence in our decision making.

We pray for policy changes — that as a nation and world we may work together to reverse the course of climate change.

Take some time out of your busy **Sunday (May 5)** to better understand the implications of the **sixteen young Montanans'** historic lawsuit, Held vs. the State of Montana. They are **fighting to protect their constitutional "right to a clean and healthful environment"** (*Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of MT*). These young people chose to hope, to care and to act, not just for themselves, but also for us and for future generations.

Barbara Chillcott, our **Sunday speaker**, is part of the legal team representing the Montana youth. With her expertise and eloquence you will build a better appreciation and understanding of this historic trial and the court's decision to uphold their case. The state of MT has filed an appeal to the MT Supreme Court.



SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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



The Blossoming of Spring and the Reality of Burdens



With the arrival of spring, the presence of the joyous Easter season upon us, it is easy to forget the reality that not everyone is emotionally, spiritually or physically free enough to fully embrace the promise of new life: of the budding trees, the fragile but fiercely strong tulips, poking through the dirt, or the Resurrection of Jesus promising to lead us to a new life in Him forever.

There are those dealing with grief and sorrow: the death of a loved one, the diagnosis of a serious illness, the struggles of a beloved child or family member, the destruction of a dream. Pope Francis had designated the prayer intentions of this past February for the needs of the terminally ill and February 11 was designated as “World Day of Prayer for the Sick.” Though that day and month have passed, it is perhaps every bit as appropriate that we consider these needs as even more visible in contrast to the greening of the earth and the Easter joy we’ve just experienced.

Here are just a few of the recommended prayer intentions for the World Day of the Sick as presented by the Catholic Health Association (CHA) this past February:

- *Healing to all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, rehab or care facilities, and in their homes.
- *Comfort to those who have been diagnosed with a grave disease or who are undergoing treatments that make them ill.
- *Peace to the depressed, emotionally distraught and to those with mental illnesses.
- *Tranquility to those with dementia who are forgetting their loved ones and their precious memories.
- *Patience to those with chronic or debilitating diseases that rob them of energy, vigor, strength, mobility and hope for their futures.
- *Joy to children whose illnesses have limited their ability to be with their friends and families and play as children should.
- *Perseverance to our wounded warriors suffering physically or mentally from the injuries they have incurred or sights they have seen in war.

For the suffering, send a spirit of...

- *Consolation to those who grieve the death of a loved one, a dream or vision of the future.
- *Forgiveness for broken relationships with spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers.
- *Resourcefulness to those lacking the basic necessities of life due to unemployment, underemployment, the unequal distribution of the world's goods and natural disasters.
- *Purpose to those who have lost hope and are contemplating or have attempted suicide.

Pope Francis offers these words: “To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.”

Pope Francis 32nd World Day of the Sick



<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/petitions-for-world-day-of-the-sick>

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry



A New
Beginning...

Join the Knights of Columbus

FREE MEMBERSHIP*

For new online membership applications
submitted the entire month of April

*for 1-year, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.

Visit kofc.org/joinus

Enter code

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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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Greetings from your Stewardship Department! We have almost reached our 2023 ACA goal as a Diocese...thank you to everyone that has contributed. I apologize for any bumps you may have encountered as we moved to different software just as we kicked off the ACA. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigated the changes.

While we are still about \$140,000 short of the goal, we have 6 months to go and remain optimistic we can reach it. In fact, if every family that has not yet given to the ACA would commit \$10...we would hit our goal. As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries. Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me, Sharon Witham 406-389-7062 to make a gift over the phone.

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Mark Your Calendar: Celebrating the 9th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

⇒ **Parish Clean Up on May 4 | 9:00am to 11:00am**
(Coffee and doughnuts will be provided)

⇒ **Speaker Event on May 5: Protecting MT for Future Generations by attorney, Barbara Chillcott 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.

Final Bingo

The final Bingo game for the season will be held on **Sunday, May 5th from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm in the social center**. Bring your family to enjoy fun, fellowship, treats and win prizes. The organization benefiting from this month's game is the **St. Mary Blessing Box** (previously known as the 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!

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.



Helena Catholic Journey

'Have you ever wondered how a 90 foot statue of 'Our Lady' ended up on the Continental Divide overlooking Butte, Mt?'

Please join the Helena Catholic Journey Community in welcoming a few of the men that made this impossible feat happen, as they share their story:

Journey 'Gathering'

Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm
St. Mary Catholic Community
Social Center.

All are welcome!

Blessing Box

Thank you so very much for your response to our parish's Blessing Box (*previously called Homeless Pantry*).

Through your generosity, we were able to keep the pantry stocked through the winter!

The Blessing Box continues to be a huge success with lots of individuals in need using it.

Now spring is here! We will still accept donations of food and toiletries, but we also need bug spray, visors, baseball caps, bottles of water and sunscreen.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pilgrimage to Ireland

with Fr. Joe Paddock
May 27 through June 5, 2024



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

Cost: \$4,799.00

Includes all necessary flights, airport taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges
Also includes transportation by luxury bus, and all breakfasts and dinners, guided tours and tour fees

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
or scan the QR code to the right

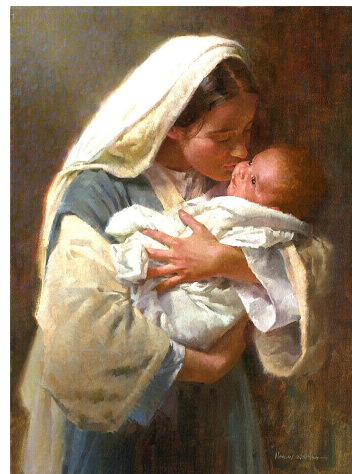


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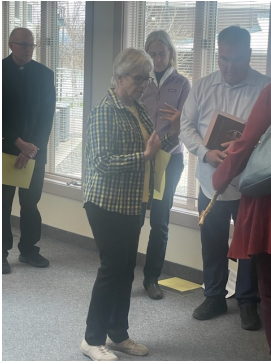
Mother's Day!

Our Masses on May 12, 2024 will be offered for the intention of all mothers, living and deceased.

Mother's Day prayer intention cards are now available in the gathering space and at the parish office!



Welcoming St. Kateri Teḱakwitha to our Gathering Space



Thank You & Farewell from Kavida



I have put others' thank you notes and goodbyes in the bulletin... can't believe that now I'm putting my own... From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all the kindness, love, generosity, appreciation, support, patience and warmth that you've showered me with since my first day at Saint Mary Catholic Community. This parish is a special place because of each one of you. All of you have blessed me in various ways. I cannot thank you enough. **A special thank you to** Fr. Richard, who originally hired me and gave me the opportunity to experience this beautiful community, Bishop Jeff, Fr. Tim for blessing me with the knowledge of puns, Deb, Gail, Cliff, Eileen, Cindy, Dawn, Lori, Wendy, Brandon and Joanna for all their help and support (some of them had to listen to my terrible puns), Deacon Michael and Glenda Seipp for their generosity, support and kindness, all of you who took the time to organize a party for me, prepare food, serve, clean up, all who came to celebrate with me, each one of you whom whenever I would call to ask for help with anything, showed up and had my back. Thank you also for all the gifts. It's been a pleasure and honor working and serving here. I always felt welcomed, appreciated and safe. Please know that you are all in my prayers and thoughts.
May God bless you! ~Kavida





SEMINARIANS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

2023-2024

Dillon Armstrong	John Cooney
Kaleb Mitchell	Riley Helgoe
Brett Rotz	Anthony Olmes
James Semling	Jamie Severson
Carter Anderson	Shae Bills
Lane Buus	Matt Keck

- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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

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.

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.

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: 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 28: First Communion celebration at 10:30 AM Mass; **No Children's Liturgy of the Word**; 6:00 PM Parish Dinner in social center
- ◆ Monday April 29: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 5:30 PM—6:45 PM OCIA in St. Ann's
- ◆ Wednesday May 1: 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 May 2: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM Quilters in St. Ann's; 1:00 PM—2:30 PM The Chosen group discussion in social center
- ◆ Friday May 3: 10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension
- ◆ Saturday May 4: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Parish Cleanup
- ◆ Sunday May 5: 9:10 AM—10:20 AM Speaker Event: Barbara Chillcott in social center; 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Bingo in social center
- ◆ Monday May 6: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's
- ◆ Wednesday May 8: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions
- ◆ Thursday May 9: 1:00 PM—2:30 PM The Chosen in social center
- ◆ Friday May 10: 11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark
- ◆ Saturday May 11: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Hospitality after Mass in gathering space
- ◆ Sunday May 12: 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; Hospitality after each Mass in gathering space

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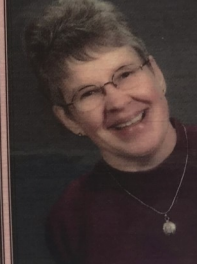
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