

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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<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 9– Touchmark

May 16– Cooney

June 6– Mount Ascension

May 4, 2025

**The Third Sunday
of Easter**

“He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

John 21:19

May 11, 2025

**The Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

John 10:27



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.”

MASSSES AT SAINT MARY

Sunday, May 4th—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

8:00 AM Mass—for Dan O’Leary✙
rb: The Lang Family

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

Monday, May 5th—No Mass

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

Tuesday, May 6th

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

12:10 PM Mass—for Shane Weckin✙
rb: Peggy Wardinsky

Wednesday, May 7th

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

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the children of Michael and Mary Foot
rb: Mike and Mary Foot

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 8th

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-31

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr John Robertson✙
rb: Mary Schroeder

Friday, May 9th

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

11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark
for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

Saturday, May 10th

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Dan O’Leary✙
rb: The Rich and Marianne Clark

Sunday, May 11th—The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelations 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

8:00 AM Mass—for the intention of all mothers

10:30 AM Mass—for the intention of all mothers

Monday, May 12th—No Mass

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday May 13th

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

12:10 PM Mass—for Dan O’Leary✙
rb: Peggy Wardinsky

Wednesday, May 14th

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 5:19-17

12:10 PM Mass—for Virginia Tupper✙
rb: Diana Kulow

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 15th

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

10:00 AM Mass at Son Heaven
for the intentions of the people at Son Heaven

12:10 PM Mass—for Sharon Lang✙
rb: Deacon Tony Duvernay

Friday, May 16th

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

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

Saturday, May 17th

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Jim Christnacht✙
rb: Deacon Tony Duvernay



**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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From Father Tim

In the gospel from Thursday, April 29 from John, Jesus said to Nicodemus, “You must be born from above.” Pope Francis was a man who was not only born from above, but also surrendered to the will of the Father all the days of his life.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born December 17, 1936 to his parents Mario and Regina Maria Sivori in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His father was a railway worker, while his mother was a homemaker. A family of modest means, the family was raised on family values, hard work, and reliance on the Lord in their lives.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was drawn to the religious life at a young age, as he entered the Jesuit order in 1958 at the age of 21. He studied philosophy and theology in Argentina and later in Spain; he then earned his licentiate in Buenos Aires. In the Jesuit order, Bergoglio was a teacher, a formator, and eventually led the Jesuit province in Argentina. He taught and believed in the Jesuit philosophies of spiritual exercises, personal reflection, and commitment to the marginalized.

Jorge Bergoglio was ordained a priest on December 13, 1969, was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992, and later became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998. Pope St. John Paul II appointed him a Cardinal on February 21, 2001. Jorge Bergoglio chose to live a simple life as he lived in an apartment, not the Archbishop’s palace, and chose public transportation rather than traveling by private car.

The future Pope Francis engaged deeply with the poor and the marginalized. He spent many hours in the poorest areas of Buenos Aires, and his work for the poor became one of his significant attributes.

On March 13, 2013, the Cardinals elected Jorge Mario Bergoglio the 266th Pope. He chose the name Francis and was the first to do so in papal history, noting the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, one who was noted for humility, simplicity, and care for the poor. Pope Francis was the first Pope of the Americas and the first Jesuit Pope in Church history.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his humility and simplicity, his commitment to social justice, his powerful focus on Mercy and Forgiveness, his willingness to dialogue, his reform of the Vatican, and his reliance on his faith and the power of Jesus Christ.

Jorge Bergoglio’s journey to becoming the 266th successor to Peter began around the age of 17, as he had a profound calling to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bergoglio was interested in becoming a chemist and asking his girlfriend for her hand in marriage, but that all changed as he went to receive the Sacrament, did his confession and was absolved of his sins, and felt a profound sense of God’s mercy! From that day on, he aspired to serve the Lord as a priest because he wanted others to experience the power of the Lord’s mercy that he experienced on that fateful day. Thank you Pope Francis, for your faithful and unconditional service to the Lord throughout your life. May you have eternal peace!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

Pope’s Intentions for May 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.





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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life



Welcome to the newest members of our Catholic Faith! What a joy to welcome Zachary, Devlin, Emma 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 Communion



Please pray for all of
our children who will
receive the
Sacrament of
Eucharist for the first

time this Sunday, May 4th at the
10:30am Mass!

Blessings on

Bryson Ray Carlson

Son of Gavin and
Marissa Carlson

Who will receive
the Sacrament of Baptism on
May 3rd!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Could God be calling you to something new?

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!

Important Dates for Youth Group

May 7th: Last Youth Group for the year and picnic 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates!

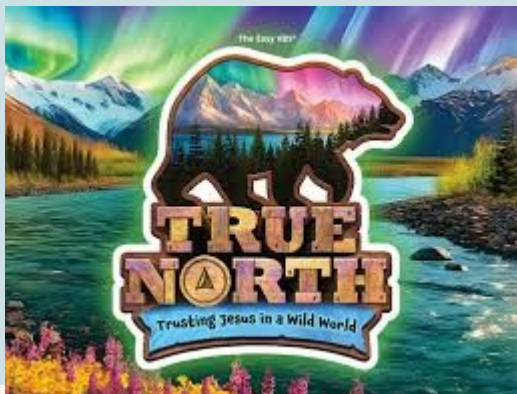
We have 11 of our youth who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral.

Come Holy Spirit!!!!

Vacation Bible School Help Needed!

We need High School and Middle School Youth to be group leaders for VBS this summer.

VBS will be June 16-20 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm each day. If you are able to help, Contact Dawn!



We invite youth in Grades 9-12 to NCYC!

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones.

Dates: November 19-23, 2025

- November 19: Travel Day
- November 20-22: NCYC
- November 23: Travel Day

Estimated Cost: \$1,375 per person. Travel is to be arranged by the individual/youth group, and is estimated to be \$600 (airfare, ground transportation, baggage fees, etc.).

Registration is \$675 and includes: NCYC ticket, hotel, one meal each day, snacks, shirt/swag, and more!

Who can go: Grades 9-12 and their adult chaperones

Register **HERE!**

Contact Dawn for more information!



Liturgical Music

Dear My Beloved Parishioners,

As I prepare to conclude my time here, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Since I began serving at Saint Mary Catholic Community in 2021, it has been a blessed journey filled with grace. My last day will be Sunday, May 4th, a day that coincides with the joyful celebration of First Communion for our children — a reminder of the beautiful journey of faith we share.

Serving this parish has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I have learned so much from each of you — through your faith, your dedication, your kindness, and your generosity. Thank you to the Music Ministry team for your beautiful service, the Linen Ministers for your quiet but essential care, the Liturgical Ministers for your faithful presence, and the committee members of the Liturgy Commission and the Fanning the Fire Ministry for your prayerful and joyful contribution and creativity. Working alongside you has been a gift I will always treasure.

I would also like to sincerely thank everyone for the thoughtful cards, gifts, and for all those who prepared and organized the lovely reception for me last Saturday. The food was delicious, and I truly enjoyed the time spent chatting, laughing, and sharing fellowship with you. Your kindness has touched my heart more than words can express.

Although I will be taking up a new role as the Director of Music and Liturgy at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette, Indiana, please know that I carry you all in my heart. I will miss you dearly and will keep you and this wonderful community in my prayers.

May we continue to walk in the light of Christ, wherever He leads us.

With love and gratitude,

Wendy

Pastoral Care

Obedience and Conversion

Beth Carrell

In Acts 5, Peter and the apostles stand boldly before the Sanhedrin and proclaim: **“We must obey God rather than men.”**

This declaration is as radical today as it was then. In every age, followers of Christ are asked to make a choice: Whose voice will we follow? The will of man, or the will of God?

Jesus was clear in John 16:33: **“In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”**

Trouble, suffering, and even mistreatment are part of the Christian walk—not signs of failure, but signs that this world is not our true home. When we obey God over man, there are times that we will suffer. Yet in God’s kingdom, these sufferings aren’t wasted.

I often accompany people through the painful tension between human approval and divine fidelity. The psychological distress that parts of us feel when doing what God wants over worldly acceptance is real. But we are called to constant conversion as we progress.

C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*, “We all want progress. But progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; and in that case the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man.” Grace meets us where we are on the road; He wants a personal relationship with us. He is not scandalized by our sin, He just wants our trustful surrender.

Our wounded hearts often seek justice or healing in problematic ways. Our emotions tell us about our experience. Where might we be fostering resentment? How can we nurture resilience? We can bring those wounds to Christ and in relationship with others we trust, who can help us transform our sufferings into offerings of agape love. There we discover meaning in our story of redemption.

A few questions helpful for reflection might be:

- Am I more concerned with pleasing people than pleasing God?
- Where have I felt mistreated or misunderstood for following my conscience?
- Are there resentments I can bring into the light with a trusted person, and allow Christ to transform them?

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY



Pope Francis ~ Words to Carry Us Forward

*As we have grieved the passing of Pope Francis, as we have listened to the TV commentators and interviews, as we have watched the swells of people honoring him lying in state and seen the simple magnificence of his funeral and burial – as we ourselves reflected on what he has meant to each of us and to the world – may we take with us his words, his example and his challenge. **Let us Remember***

"Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected...Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence." – Pope Francis. 9/1/13 *Reflecting on Syria*

"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite."



"It is impossible for peace to exist without dialogue. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash are due to a lack of dialogue. When there is a problem, talk: this makes peace."

"Openness to God makes us open towards the marginalized of this world, and gives us the courage to leave the confines of our own security and comfort to become bruised, hurting and dirty as we joyfully approach the suffering other in a spirit of solidarity."

"We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behavior... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence ... We have no such right."

"Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity."

"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason."

"A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us."

Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost!... The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion... That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us. "Urbi Et Orbi," Easter, 2025.

Pope Francis, **pray for us** that we and the Church may follow your example and challenge of Justice and Peace. We ask this in Jesus name. **AMEN**

Quotations from: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/quote-archive1/pope-francis>

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

WE ARE THE FIRST GENERATION
TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE
AND THE LAST GENERATION
WITH TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
AND THAT TIME IS NOW...

Mary Robinson, 2015, UN Special Envoy for Climate Change



Once we start to think about the kind of
world we are leaving to future generations,
we look at things differently; we realize that
the world is a gift which we have freely received
and must share with others.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', Chapter 5 - On Justice, 2015,

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This Easter Season - "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) 9:10-10:20 AM

The living legacy of Pope Francis - respecting and caring for all humanity and for our earth.



April 22, 2025

I am pleased to announce the following appointments involving the priests and parishes of the Diocese of Helena.

+ Austin A. Vetter

*Most Reverend Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena*

All assignments effective July 1, 2025 (unless otherwise noted)

The Pastoral Care for St. Mary Queen of Heaven Mission is transferred from St. John the Baptist Parish, Frenchtown, to St. William Parish, Thompson Falls, effective May 26, 2025.

Father Dillon Armstrong (to be ordained June 27, 2025) – Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Deer Lodge, with St. Theodore Mission, Avon, for a one-year term.

Father Peter Mikwabe – Administrator, St. William Parish, Shelby, with St. Thomas Aquinas Mission, Sunburst; St. Margaret Parish, Cut Bank; and St. Francis Parish, Valier, with Holy Cross Mission, Dupuyer, for a second three-year term.

Father John Neneman – Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Libby, with Immaculate Conception Mission, Troy; and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka, for a one-year term. [Formerly: Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew Parish, Kalispell; and Risen Christ Parish, Kalispell]

Father Kyle Tannehill – Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Parish, Kalispell; and Risen Christ Parish, Kalispell, for a one-year term. [Formerly: Parochial Vicar, Resurrection University Parish, Bozeman]

Father Samuel Spiering – Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Helena (effective February 6, 2025, and concluding June 30, 2027) in addition to his responsibilities as a priest of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

Father Nathan Scheidecker – Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Helena, for a two-year term. Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Helena, for a one-year term. [Formerly: Canon Law studies, Rome]

Father Matthew Christiaens – Pursuit of Licentiate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome, with residence at the Casa Santa Maria. [Formerly: Administrator, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Conrad; and St. William Parish, Dutton, with Guardian Angel Mission, Power]

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Father Nicetas Msinge, ALCP/OSS – Administrator, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Conrad; and St. William Parish, Dutton, with Guardian Angel Mission, Power, for a three-year term. [Formerly: Administrator, St. John Paul II Parish, Bigfork, with Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission, Condon]

Monsignor Kevin O'Neill – Administrator, St. John Paul II Parish, Bigfork, with Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission, Condon, concluding November 10, 2025. Granted Senior Status, effective November 10, 2025. Retains assignment as Vicar General for the Diocese of Helena. [Formerly: Pastor/Rector Emeritus, Cathedral of St. Helena, Helena]

Father Eric Gilbaugh – Granted leave for Sabbatical for book-writing concluding November 10, 2025. Pastor, St. John Paul II Parish, Bigfork, with Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission, Condon, effective November 10, 2025, for a six-year term. Priest Supervision, Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center, effective November 10, 2025. [Formerly: Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Three Forks; and St. John Vianney Parish, Belgrade]

Father W. Bart Tolleson – Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Three Forks; and St. John Vianney Parish, Belgrade, for a six-year term. Relieved of assignment as Priest Supervision, Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center, effective November 10, 2015. Retains assignments as Director of Permanent Deacons, Director of Permanent Deacon Formation, and Director of Continuing Formation for the Clergy. [Formerly: Pastor, Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Helena]

Father Timothy Moriarty – Administrator, Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Helena, for a one-year term (renewable). [Retains assignment as Pastor, St. Mary Catholic Community, Helena]

Father Pius X Harding, OSB – called back to Mount Angel Abbey, not reassigned in the Diocese of Helena. [Formerly: Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Libby, with Immaculate Conception Mission, Troy; and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka]

Father Thomas Lankenau, SJ – Resignation accepted as Sacramental Minister, St. John the Baptist Parish, Frenchtown, with St. Albert the Great Mission, Alberton, and St. Mary Queen of Heaven Mission, Superior (effective January 29, 2025), not reassigned in the Diocese of Helena.

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Art and Environment

Mary of the Magnificat Saint Mary Catholic Community Worship Space

Each time we bless ourselves at the font as we enter our worship space, we are welcomed by the outstretched arms of our unique statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother. “Mary, for whom we are named, graces our worship space as the woman of faith, strength, gentleness, and courage. Her ‘yes’ echoes through every generation. She stands among us firmly on Montana earth and rock, moving into the future in the third millennium, with hope, trust and enthusiasm. She beckons us with open hands to walk with her in the age to come. Mary stands among us at the Table of the Lord, reminding us that it is Christ her Son in whom we find life and nourishment for the journey we must make. This is your chosen daughter, the new Eve, the new faithful woman of the age to come: Mary of the Magnificat, bearer of the Lord who, [as she greets her cousin Elizabeth,] prays the prayer which reverberates through the ages bringing both comfort and challenge, affirmation and conversion.”

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed...holy is his name. His mercy is upon those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. Luke 1: 46-53.

Pause and reflect. Think of Mary, pregnant, traveling to visit her cousin Elizabeth’s greeting to her. Does something in this scene touch your heart? Pray with the Magnificat. Which word or phrase stands out for you? What is it saying to you?

In 1998, as part of our church renovation, Saint Mary’s commissioned the Chicago sculptor Jerzy S. Kenar to design and craft the new image of Mary to be placed in the shrine area of our renovated worship space. Mr. Kenar, an award-winning sculptor, “believes in a close relationship with the community of each and every project he has the privilege to create. It is precisely the braiding of his energy with the specific, colorful input of the community which creates a unique success.” At the time he worked with our parish he had worked with over 70 churches nationwide.

The Shaping Visions From Generation-to-Generation Worship and Fine Arts Committee then sponsored an evening gathering of parishioners with Mr. Kenar entitled “Imaging Mary In Our Worship Space.” “The evening began with a presentation by Father Ed Hislop, our pastor, on various images of Mary throughout the ages and how those images both reflected and affected our Catholic Faith and understanding of Mary. Those assembled gathered in small groups to engage in a process to provide input for the sculptor.” Their ideas included:

< Mary must always lead us to Christ, for Christ is the focus of our faith, our worship and our lives. She is the mother of our Lord, assumed into heaven yet firmly grounded on the earth with all humanity.



Art and Environment

< As patroness of our parish, Mary's image must be feminine, strong and singular, compassionate and peaceful, moving forward and open to the world, visible and accessible so even children can touch it, creating a sense of hospitality for all. She is a model of freedom for both women and men and must confirm the truth that oppression of any sort is unacceptable.

< The image must reflect Mary of the Magnificat – a woman standing in our world now proclaiming the Magnificat with firm resolution and sure love, inspiring us to do the same.

Several weeks later Mr. Kenar returned so Saint Mary's to show a model of his design to the parishioners after each of the weekend masses. The response from the parishioners was "highly positive." "This new image of Mary will reflect Mary's strength and gentleness and the power of her faith as the 'bearer of the Lord.' The image reflects movement into the future with confidence and hope. Mary's hands are outstretched in a gesture of welcome – welcome into faith, welcome into the mystery of Incarnation and welcome to all who enter this 'house of church' named for Mary."

The statue is designed to represent Mary as she was at the time she walked and lived on earth. She is well grounded. The travertine stone from Livingston, Montana, she stands on doesn't just sit on the floor. It comes up out of it, representing Mary's connection to the earth and to all of humanity. Her posture and position draw us to Christ on the altar.

Mr. Kenar also designed and crafted the processional cross and the "cross surround" in the sanctuary." The statue of Mary and of Jesus on the cross were created by the same artist, both are light colored, and both are carved from linden, a light, grainless wood. These similarities symbolize the depth, strength, and beauty of the everlasting connection between Mary and Jesus, her son and savior.

The skill and liturgical experience of the artist, the careful attention to detail, quality, and symbolism, the inclusion of parishioner input, the connection to Montanans and the special place we call home, and the centering of everything on scripture, the teaching and tradition of the Catholic church, and prayer under the guidance of the Holy Spirit came together to create this powerful image of Our Lady and the spirit-filled beauty of our entire worship space.

As you ponder Mary's life on earth, her presence in the world since that time, and her presence in your life today, which of the many gifts she shares with us speak most directly to you? Trust in God? Courage? Strength? Gentleness? Peacefulness? Humility? Wisdom? Love? Compassion? Something else?

Thank you, Mary, for being our Blessed Mother and patroness of Saint Mary Catholic Community where we experience the real presence of Jesus.



Bulletin articles and documents from the renovation in the late 1990s, and "A Guide for Prayer in the House of the Church" by Rev. Edward J Hislop were used as references for the quotes and ideas expressed in this article.



Carroll College is excited to visit your parish on May 24th & 25th! Visit with current students and staff/faculty from our campus who will be attending mass and staying afterwards to share more about Carroll. We look forward to praying and connecting with you!



Honor your mother in prayer on Mother's Day! Our Masses on May 11, 2025 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!



Bury the Dead - Corporal Work of Mercy
Pray for the Living and the Dead – Spiritual Work of Mercy
Comfort the Sorrowful - Spiritual Work of Mercy

Inspired by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Saint Francis Peace Through Justice - No One is Buried Alone Ministry invites you to join us and other members of the Helena community.

Lewis and Clark County Burial Service
for the indigent members of our community
who have died in the past 2 years

Thursday May 8, 2025, 9:00 Lewis and Clark Co. Cemetery

At these services many of us have experienced the presence of God as a powerful outpouring of grace, mercy, and the spirit of divine and human love. It is sacred time in a sacred space. We have experienced the bonds of solidarity and unity we share as people created and loved by God. We also appreciate the healing power of prayer, scripture, music, and creation as we honor those who have died and comfort those who are mourning.

Each of these people will also be prayed for by name at the Mass of Remembrance and throughout the month of November.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do onto me.
Mt 25:40

Adopt a Highway

Saint Mary Catholic Community has adopted a two-mile stretch of US Highway 12 W. The next cleanup will be on May 17th followed by a picnic lunch a short distance from the cleanup area. Anyone age 10 and up can participate. Those 10 to 15 years of age will need a Volunteer Release of Liability signed by a parent or guardian. If cleaning the highway isn't your thing but you want to participate, we will need additional help getting the picnic area set up.



Please meet at Saint Mary's at 8:30 am on May 17th for a required safety briefing before departing as a group for the cleanup area. Pastries, coffee and juice will be available during the briefing.

Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants and layer clothing for changing weather conditions. Suggested items to bring with you are: sunscreen, bug spray, gloves, sunglasses, hat and a water bottle. Snacks and additional water bottles will be available during the cleanup.

Immediately following the cleanup, there will be a picnic lunch at the Ten Mile Picnic Area located approximately four miles from the cleanup area south on Rimini Road. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

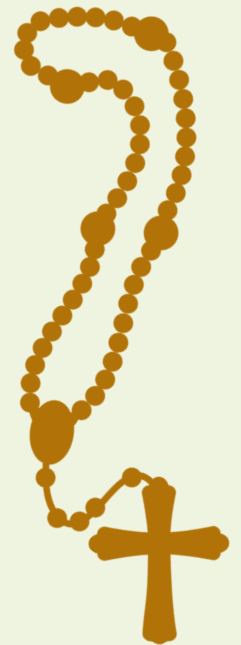
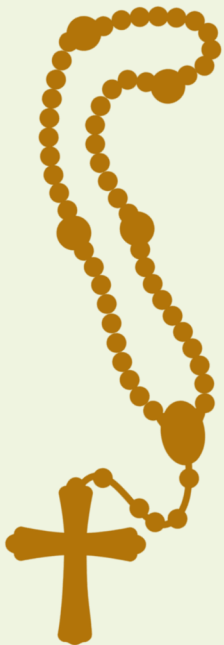
This is a great way to care for our community, share in fellowship with other parishioners, and spend some time in a beautiful area of God's creation.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Parish Office or sign up at the kiosk. See you there!



**Please join us Saturday, May 10th for our
Anointing Mass at 10:00 a.m. with a light
lunch to follow!**

This sacrament is the embodiment of the Church's prayer for healing. All those who are dealing with acute or chronic illness, young or old, physical or otherwise, are invited to turn to Jesus, the great miracle worker, for healing and grace.



A Time to Remember.... May 21, 6:00pm

Plant a flower for a loved one...

INVITATION TO REMEMBER MAY 21st at 6:00pm at Jubilee Garden

Parishioners are invited to bring a plant in honor of a loved one who has died.



Blessing Box



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.

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on May 8th at 6 P.M. with guest speaker David Casey. Our meeting will be held at Brothers Tapworks near the back area.



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.stmaryhelena.org. Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelena.org. This position will remain open until filled.

Easter Flowers 2025 Honorariums-Memorials

From	In Honor of	In Memory of
Anna Miller		June Miller
		Peter Miller
	Margaret Miller	
Sandra Perry	Nathan Holton	
	Elizabeth Holton	
	Jessica Meyer	
	Brigett Perry	
	Jennifer Holton	
Mary Lou Abbott		Douglas O Abbott
Tim Kelley		Sharon Lang
Mark Maki		Margaret Swan
		Maureen Hardinger
Sue Nyland		Dr. James & Margaret Marion
Bob & Agatha Swartout		Marion Lee
David & Pat Bollinger		Gordon & Marie Bollinger
		Vincent & Anna Casey
Stephen McCue		Mary Kelly McCue
Gerry & Karen Lundin		Arvid & Rhea Lundin
		Harry & Frances Fry
Jim & Vicki Garman		Tara Garman
Jim & Barb Schaeffer, Jr	Marie Fleming	John Fleming
	Jill Keating	Ben & Rose Battani
	Jim Schaeffer	Jim & Peg Schaeffer
Jim Tucker		Lorraine Tucker
Mike & Kathy Sampson	Bobbie Whelan	John Whelan
		Bob & Patsy Sampson
Joan Brandt		Bill & Barbara Bisom
Jill Larson		Ballas Family
		Larson Family
		Radonich Family

Trumpet and Organ Concert April 26th



The Living Legacy of Pope Francis

10th Anniversary Celebration of Laudato Si

A panel presentation and discussion

< **Phyllis Dorrington** - Coordinator of Saint Mary Catholic Community Care for Creation Ministry, Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates steering committee member - **Laudato Si 10 Years Later**

< **Dave Krainacker, MD** - Specialist in Lifestyle Medicine and **Nina Heinzinger, Ph.D**, Co-coordinators of the Saint Mary Catholic Community Jubilee Garden Ministry - **Healthy Eating for a Healthy Planet**

< **Steve McEvoy** - Sustainable Lifestyle Expert, Initiator of the Saint Mary Catholic Community solar array - **Leaving a Place for the Wild World**

< **Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D.** – Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at Carroll College - **Creation Care at Carroll College**

These panelists are all members of Saint Mary Catholic Community. They are talented, creative experts in their fields and share a passion for protecting our climate, our planet and all creatures living upon it, now and for the generations to come. Each, in their own unique way, is answering the call of Pope Francis expressed in Laudato Si, reiterated in Laudate Deum, and modeled in his own life.

Sunday 5/18/2025 9:10-10:20 Social Center



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*"By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
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Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

VBS will be June 16-20
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Who: Children entering Kindergarten – 5th
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Theme:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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When did I see
you homeless?
Matthew 25:38



Parish Cleanup Day
for May 3rd has been
canceled.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Sunday May 4th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; Hospitality;
No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ **Monday May 5th:** No Mass; 9:45 Prayer Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ♦ **Tuesday May 6th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group
- ♦ **Wednesday May 7th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions;
3:45 pm RE; 6:00 pm Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday May 8th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:30 pm Choir
- ♦ **Friday May 9th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark
- ♦ **Saturday May 10th:** 10:00 am Anointing Mass followed by luncheon;
3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ♦ **Sunday May 11th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 9:15 am
Confirmation with sponsors; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ **Monday May 12th:** No Mass; 9:45 am Prayer Group
- ♦ **Tuesday May 13th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Wednesday May 14th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm
Confessions
- ♦ **Thursday May 15th:** 10:00 am Mass at Son Heaven;
12:10 pm Mass; 5:30 Choir
- ♦ **Friday May 16th:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney
- ♦ **Saturday May 17th:** 8:30 am Adopt a Highway;
3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass; 10th
Anniversary of Laudato Si' following Mass



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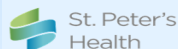
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By the grace of God may peace reside in every human heart and in all the world. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the Parish Office on 406-442-5268.



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1. Sign up for a free account at: Helena.WeAdoreHim.com
2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from **5AM to 10PM**.
3. Make changes or find a substitute at the same website.
4. Need **two adorers scheduled per hour** so that Jesus is protected and never left alone, so **SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

*Jesus wants to spend more time with you...
SIGN UP TODAY!!!*

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