

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Friday:
10am to 2pm

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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Livestream

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

[Click here to become a parishioner](#)

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 17—10:30 AM Cooney
June 7—10:30 AM Mount Ascension
June 14—11:00 AM Touchmark
June 21—10:30 AM Cooney
June 28—11:00 AM Hunter's Pointe

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord May 12th, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every
creature. (Mark 16:15-16)

Pentecost Sunday May 19th, 2024

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with
you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send
you."
And when he had said this, he breathed
on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit."
(John 20:21)



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, May 12—Solemnity of the Ascension

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

8:00 AM Mass—for all mothers

10:30 AM Mass—for all mothers

Monday, May 13th—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14th

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. George Dumais, SJ✠

rb: Fr. Tim Moriarty

Wednesday, May 15th

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

12:10 PM Mass—for Fr. Tom Flynn ✠

rb: Fr. Tim Moriarty

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 16th

Acts of the Apostles 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

8:00am Mass—for Joann Prost ✠

rb: Lori Murphy-Moulet

10:00am Mass for Sonheaven for the people at Sonhaven

Friday, May 17th

Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21 John 14:6-14

10:30 AM Cooney—for the intentions of Diana Kulow

rb: Betty Lahn

Saturday, May 18th

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for the intentions of Barbara Schaeffer on her

85th Birthday

rb: Ashlie Fleming

Sunday, May 19th—Pentecost Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of Diana Faulhaber

rb: Ann McCormick

Monday, May 20th—No Mass

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; John 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 21st

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Susan d.Iver Johnson

rb: Lori Murphy-Moulet

Wednesday, 22nd

James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Barbara Schaeffer

rb: Jim Schaeffer

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 23rd

James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

12:10 PM Mass—for Ron Lukenbill ✠

rb: Kavida Boone

Friday, May 24th

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

12:10 Funeral Mass for Darlene Walsh

Saturday, May 25th: The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 26:16-20

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—for the People of the Parish



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We prayed at every Mass for the protection of life.

As ministering stewards: We cared for God's Creation with a Parish Clean Up Day on May 4th and a highway clean up on May 18th.

As sacrificing stewards:	4/28/24	5/5/24
Pew/mail:	\$4,960	\$5,534
Direct:	\$ 370	\$1,253
Online:	<u>\$1,251</u>	<u>\$2,659</u>
Total	\$6,581	\$9,446

Stewardship Income:

FY 23-4	7/1/23 – 4/30/24	\$439,170
FY 22-3	7/1/22 – 4/30/23	<u>\$417,979</u>
Difference		\$ 21,161

Total Monthly Income (April): \$52,084

Average Monthly Expenses: \$60,000

Total Easter Income: \$9,710

Easter Income 2023: \$10,795

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June

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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Finance Council Members: Ann Bauchman, Dave Brown, Jerry LaChere, Lois Menzies, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moulet, Sam Prestipino, and Maureen Stohl.

From Father Tim

Reflection – May 8, 2024

In the Gospel of John (16: 5-11), for Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter, the Lord is preparing His disciples for His Ascension back to the Father, and the disciples are grieving. They have witnessed His miracles; His powerful preaching that the kingdom of God is in their midst, and in their hearts. They have witnessed His passion and death at the hands of the Jewish leaders and Roman soldiers because He simply proclaimed the truth; that He is the Son of God who came for all of us. And they have witnessed the power of the Resurrection to the world; destroying death forever. They have seen Him in His glorified body, and now the time has come for the Lord to go back to His heavenly Father; to be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and to be seated at the right hand of the Father.

But again, the disciples are grieving. They will miss the One who changed their life forever; who taught them of the eternal world to come; the world of permanent peace and love; united once again with our loved ones, and the place where every tear will be wiped away FOREVER.

But the Lord has to leave them for a time. “It is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you...” The disciples are trying to understand what He is saying, but they will know very soon, as the Holy Spirit will come upon them at Pentecost; filling them with the power and strength to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man, to the world – changing salvation history forever.

Many times in our lives we wonder what God’s plan is for us as we struggle through moments of sorrow, illness or grief. And yet we know in the depths of our hearts that God’s plan is the best plan for all of us as we walk humbly with our God. May the fire of the Holy Spirit guide us and protect us on our earthly journey as we share in His paschal mystery as we keep our vision on Him; the vision of love that will never disappoint.

God bless all of you!

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



Blessings on Our First Communicants!!!!

Norah Frank, Irene Grant, Lilly Lipetzky

Casey Patterson, Charlie Schneider

Audrey Smith, Jace Zawacki, Peyton Zuelke

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!

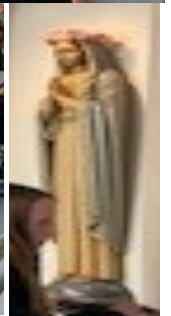


***We are in need of crew leaders! If you are in the 6th
-12th grade, let Dawn or Lori know if you want to
be a Crew Leader!***

Crowning Of Mary

On May 1st, the RE students
celebrated the Crowning of Mary!

Click [Here](#) for a link to the video!



"The Chosen"

**The Chosen Viewing and
Discussion Group will meet on
May 16 in the Social Center and
May 23rd in St. Ann's from 1 to
2:30pm.**

All are welcome to join us!!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

From Dawn

A Blessing for all graduates (High School, College, Graduate, etc.) will take place at the 8am & 10:30am Mass on Sunday, May 19th. If you are graduating, please join us!!!

We need Middle school and High School youth to Help with VBS as group leaders! VBS will be July 8-12th. Call Dawn if you can help!

RADIX Adventures

Camps!

RADIX Adventures is an outreach of Christ the King parish in Missoula. We integrate the raw, intense and difficult wilderness experience with the foundations of our faith in the context of a 6-day backpacking adventure. We will celebrate mass each morning and dig into our rich Catholic tradition each evening while covering 5-8 miles of wilderness trail, climbing mountains, catching cutthroat trout and learning wilderness survival skills during the day.

Cost: \$500

2024 Session Dates

Session #1: July 7-12

Session #2: July 14-19

Registration Information: <https://www.ckmsla.com/radix>

Thank you so much to our Religious Education and Youth Ministry Team Members!

Alissa Voeller, Bizz Browning, Jessica Smith, Ruth Miller, Vicki Hentz,
Mandee Zuelke, Angie Bonney, Sare Wunderlich, Hannah McDermott, JoAnne Thun
Cheryl Talley, Catie Cloninger, Mary Buswell and Deb Larson!

What a blessing you are to all of our students and our Parish Family!

Thank you for sharing your time and gifts!!!!

Liturgical Life

Jesus our Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer

Dr. Wendy Yuen

I was amazed by the grandeur of the Montana State Capitol Rotunda when I entered the building for the very first time last week. A congregation of nearly a hundred people gathered on May 2, 2024 to participate in the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer. With hearts intertwined in hope and reverence, attendees embraced the theme "Lift Up the Word - Light Up the World" with a fervor that transcended the confines of the Rotunda.

As the echoes of songs resonated inside the Rotunda, there was a meaningful moment that underscored the essence of this sacred gathering—a small group prayer time.

Guided by leaders who fervently petitioned for unity across five pivotal areas, the congregation found solace in scripture and shared reflections, their collective supplications reaching towards the heavens. The small groups, each comprising three or four individuals, prayed earnestly for families, workplaces, communities, cities, local government, military, all people in America.

It was a profound experience for me to be able to pray with other people who equally believe in the powerful effect of communal prayer.

Throughout the Easter season, we are singing the refrain, "Jesus our Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer," resonating through our intercessions. In a world marred by strife and discord, communal prayer emerges as a luminous beacon, offering hope and guiding us toward reconciliation.

The significance of these prayers transcends the physical boundaries of our church walls as well; they encapsulate a shared commitment to advocate for our nation and its people. Beyond mere words, they symbolize a collective plea for healing and harmony in a fractured world.

Indeed, the potency of prayer lies not solely in its capacity to transform individual hearts and minds, but also in its potential to catalyze a ripple effect of positive change, reverberating throughout our parish, communities, and beyond.

"Jesus our Risen Lord, hear our prayer" becomes not only a refrain, but a cry—a call to action. Let us embrace its profound message wholeheartedly, fostering unity, compassion, and an unyielding belief in the redemptive power of prayer. May we become vessels of transformation, radiating light and love in a world yearning for solace and renewal.





Pastoral Care

Signs of Caregiver Stress—Part 2

As a caregiver, you may be so focused on your loved one that you don't see how caregiving affects your own health and well-being. The signs of caregiver stress include:

- Feeling burdened or worrying all the time.
 - Feeling tired often.
 - Sleeping too much or not enough.
 - Gaining or losing weight.
 - Becoming easily irritated or angry.
- Losing interest in activities you used to enjoy.
 - Feeling sad.
- Having frequent headaches or other pains or health problems.
- Misusing alcohol or drugs, including prescription medicines.
 - Missing your own medical appointments.

Too much stress over time can harm your health. As a caregiver, you might feel depressed or anxious. You might not get enough sleep or physical activity. Or you might not eat a balanced diet. All of these increase your risk of health conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes.

"Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen."



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

May is Arthritis Awareness Month

Arthritis is very common but is not well understood. Actually, "arthritis" is not a single disease; it is an informal way of referring to joint pain or joint disease. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis and related conditions. People of all ages, sexes and races can and do have arthritis, and it is the leading cause of disability in America. More than 50 million adults and 300,000 children have some type of arthritis. It is most common among women and occurs more frequently as people get older.

Common arthritis joint symptoms include swelling, pain, stiffness and decreased range of motion. Symptoms may come and go. They can be mild, moderate or severe. They may have chronic pain, inability to do daily activities and make it difficult to walk or climb stairs. Arthritis can cause permanent joint changes. These changes may be visible, such as knobby finger joints, but often the damage can only be seen on X-ray. Some types of arthritis also affect the heart, eyes, lungs, kidneys and skin as well as the joints.

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY



Protecting Montana for Future Generations

Notes on Presentation by Barbara Chillcott, Western Environmental Law Center 5/5/2024
You can view the presentation [HERE!!!!](#)

In March of 2020, just as the country began to shut down due to the Covid 19 pandemic, 16 Montanans ranging in age from 2 to 18 years old filed a **groundbreaking lawsuit, Held v. State of Montana**. They sued the state for violating their **inalienable right to "a clean and healthy environment."** This right is guaranteed to them, and to all current and future Montanans, in our state constitution which is among the most progressive in the nation. The **Montana State Constitution** also says that **the state and each person shall maintain and improve the land and the environment for future generations**. The plaintiffs claimed that the Montana Environmental Policy Act was in violation of the state constitution because consideration of climate change was an exception in the Environmental Impact Statement process. The case was filed by the Western Environmental Law Center as a part of Our Children's Trust which is also helping youth in many states protect their environmental rights.

With **incredible courage and dedication**, the young people navigated the legal processes necessary to bring a case to trial. In June of 2023, the case was heard in the 1st Judicial District in Lewis and Clark County by Honorable Kathy Seeley. The **young plaintiffs told their heartfelt stories of the harm caused to them by climate change impacts** including the increasing frequency and intensity of hot, smokey summers, shortened winters with less snow, and flooding. They described respiratory illnesses, the impact on family ranch land, depression related to the inability to be outside and to pursue outdoor athletics, anxiety about their health and life as the planet warms, and the difficulty of conducting Native American cultural practices that depend on environmental conditions such as enough snow. One of the girls showed her artwork which expressed the angst she is experiencing.

The testimony of the plaintiffs was supported by numerous scientists, including Nobel Prize winner Steve Running, Ph.D., testifying to the increasing intensity of the climate crisis globally and in the state of Montana. **Montana is warming faster than the global average**. Glaciers in Glacier National Park and around the state are shrinking significantly each year. Streams are warming, threatening our fisheries. **Children are not mini adults, and their health is disproportionately harmed by pollution and climate change**. Montana's contribution to climate change is disproportionately large for our population because, for political and social reasons, we continue to mine and use fossil fuels instead of prioritizing renewable energy resources.

Judge Seeley issued a detailed, strong decision in favor of the youth plaintiffs. This ruling has the potential to positively impact the environment and mitigation of the climate crisis in Montana and to facilitate the success of cases of this type in other states. However, the ruling was appealed by the state of Montana. The Montana Supreme Court is expected to rule on the case later this summer.

Many thanks to the youth plaintiffs, their families, and the professionals and community members who supported them for their courageous effort to protect our environment now and for future generations.

A video recording of this presentation is on the parish website. To follow this case and others like it, go to <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/montana>

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

A Prayer For All Mothers

During the month of May the Church makes a special effort to honor all mothers and those who give us the nurturing and love of a mother regardless of who they are. Special honor is given to Jesus’ mother Mary who is not only a model of love and acceptance for us all but our powerful intercessor and comforter. Mary and Joseph were refugees as they fled with the infant Jesus from the wrath of Herod. And in today’s world we hear the cries and see the images of mothers fleeing the ravages of war, keening over the death of a child killed by a bomb strike and scrounging in rubble to find fragments of food to feed their starving family.

May we take a moment during this time to acknowledge and pray for all mothers and individuals desperate to find safe haven, sustenance, medical care and comfort for their beloved children and families. May we remember them especially as we pray “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.....”

Lord

On Mother’s Day, we take time to give thanks to the women who raised us, protected us and helped us become the people we are today.

As we reflect on our own mothers and on our own families’ stories so too do we think of the mothers who come to our country seeking better opportunities for their children.

We pray for a society that accepts them with open arms and welcomes them into our communities and our hearts.

May they flourish and thrive as families Just as they strengthen and enrich our society.

Lord, help us remember and appreciate mothers everywhere as they work to create stable and loving families and a better world for all.*

We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen**

* Catholiclegal.org/resources/catholic-social-teaching/mothers-day-prayer 2019





Knights of Columbus

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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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 20th for Staff Planning.

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!

Starting June 1st Our Lady of the Valley's Saturday night Mass will be changed from 6:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Also starting June 1st through September 1st, Our Lady of the Valley will be having a Sunday night at 6:00 pm Mass.



Help Others Discover Christ

Embracing anew the Great Commission of Jesus to "go and make disciples" **Because He First Loved Us** will provide \$4.5 million to create an endowment fund to provide ongoing support for our shared work of evangelization, so that we can more effectively reach out to all of God's people.

The number of active Catholics in the Diocese has dropped from 66,000 in 2000 to just 46,000 in 2022. Knowing this, how will we help others encounter Christ? Every disciple is baptized into the mission of evangelization.

We must learn to the the love through involvement, training, mentoring, and ongoing formation.



Please scan the QR code to learn more at the **Because He First Loved Us** website



ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN UP—PLEASE JOIN US

Saint Mary Catholic Community has adopted a two-mile stretch of US Highway 12 W. The first cleanup will be on May 18 beginning at 9:30am followed by a barbecue 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 8:30am on May 18 for a required safety briefing before departing as a group at 9:00am for the cleanup area. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants and layer 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, there will be a barbecue lunch provided, at the Ten Mile Picnic Area located approximately four miles from the cleanup area south on Rimini Road.

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.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 406-442-5268 or email Deb at dkralicek@stmaryhelena.org or sign-up on the kiosk if you plan to attend. See you there!



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

Answering the call of our Montana Bishops to promote and defend life

Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. Every person is entitled to the right to life and human dignity. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

Join our Montana Bishops in defense of babies, mothers and families against the abortion initiative CI-128. Decline to sign the petition to place CI-128 on the November ballot, learn about what is at stake, and share the Bishops' Message as we pray and work together against this initiative.

Life-affirming Resources

- +Expectant Mother/Parent Counseling
- +Adoption
- +Pregnancy Resources
- +Post Abortion Help
- +Help for Mothers and Babies in Need
- +Prayers for Life



From Montana's Bishops
Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life in Montana



Visit montanacc.org or scan the QR code for 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 Glencolmcille 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



Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on Thursday, May 16th with guest speaker Bishop Austin Vetter. Our meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room at Missouri River Brewing Company at 6:00pm!. We hope to see you there!

Find us on Facebook at *Devotions On Draft* and *Helena Catholic Young Adults* or on Instagram @devotionsondraft_hln

**Welcome to our new parishioner,
Brenda Stoltz!**

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Relation</u>
Anna M Miller	Jennifer Ceo	Niece		
Anna Miller	Margaret Miller	Sister		
Anna M Miller			June Miller	Mother
Susan Nyland			Margaret Manion	Mother
Jacob Leo	Mo Leo	Mother		
Sean Leo	Mo Leo	Mother		
John Flanagan			Catherine Flanagan	Mother
John Flanagan			Joanne Flanagan	Wife
John Flanagan			Eilene Flanagan	Sister
John Flanagan	Sheila Donnelly	Sister		
John Flanagan	Rita Krushensky	Wife		
John Flanagan	Kathleen Fitzgerald	Daughter		
John Flanagan	Margery Flanagan	Daughter		
John Flanagan	Clare Flanagan	Daughter		
John Flanagan	Elena Flanagan	Daughter		
Rita Krushensky			Bridget Obrigewitch	Mother
Rita Krushensky			Margaret Krushensky	Mother-in-law
Rita Krushensky			Tonni Krushensky	Daughter-in-law
Rita Krushensky	Kim Uickman	Daughter		
Rita Krushensky	Tana Larson	Daughter		
Rita Krushensky	Tracy Krushensky	Daughter-in-law		
Rita Krushensky	Joann Krushensky	Daughter-in-law		
Rita Krushensky	CeCee Krushensky	Daughter-in-law		
Rita Krushensky	Mary Ann Hecker	Sister		
Flordelis Medina			Consuelo O Medina	Mother-in-law
Flordelis Medina	Teresita Acevedo	Sister		
Flordelis Medina	Cristina Medina	Daughter		
Flordelis Medina	Monica McCurdy	Daughter		
Flordelis Medina			Nieves Peleo	Mother

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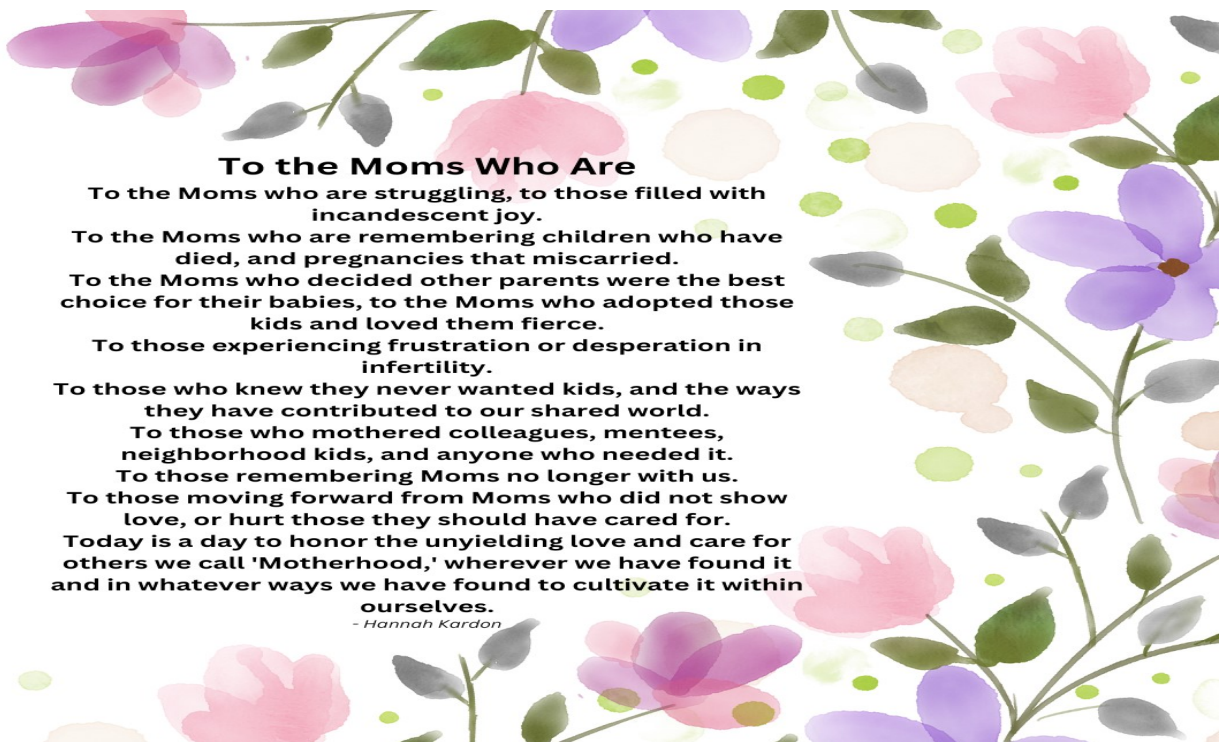
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The Boyd Family			Marcella Boyd	Mother
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Joyce Connors	Mandee Zuelke	Granddaughter		

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Donor	In Honor of	Relation	In Memory of	Relation
Colleen Carroll	Joyce Connors	Mother		
Colleen Carroll	Mandee Zuelke	Daughter		
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Dawn Brannman			Teri Cole	Sister
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Barbara Schaeffer	Ashlie Fleming	Other		
Barbara Schaeffer	Mandee Fleming	Other		
Barbara Schaeffer	Lacie Fleming	Other		
Barbara Schaeffer	Jill Keating	Other		
Barbara Schaeffer	Marie Fleming	Daughter		
James Schaeffer			Peg Schaeffer	Mother
Darrick Zuelke	Mandee Zuelke	Wife/Mother		
Darrick Zuelke	Colleen Carroll	Mother/Mother-in-law		
Darrick Zuelke	Joyce Connors	Grandmother		



To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Hannah Kardon



Diocese of Helena



Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

May 3, 2024

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Montana on the Abortion Amendment Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)

Dear People of God,

As Catholics, we treasure life as a precious gift from God and recognize our sacred duty to nurture and protect every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. This recognition of the infinite dignity enjoyed by all persons informs our understanding of the basic rights and protections to which all human beings are entitled. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

At this very moment, there is a coordinated effort underway to gather signatures to place an extreme amendment to our State's constitution on the November ballot. Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) would greatly expand the practice of legalized abortion in Montana abolishing the limited restrictions currently in place and opening the door to a host of practices that violate fundamental rights to life and dignity.

CI-128 is being promoted simply as a protection for women's rights, when in fact, this initiative seeks to enshrine legal authorization for the following:

- Late-term abortion of babies who will feel pain
- Abortion of babies who have been partially delivered
- Abortion by dismemberment of children growing in the womb

Moreover, this proposal would eliminate current parental notification requirements that apply when minors obtain an abortion. This would:

- Impose a culture of secrecy that would undermine families
- Expose underage mothers to exploitation
- Provide cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

Faced with this unprecedented threat to human life, we urge all people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place this dangerous amendment on our ballot. Trusting in God, we invite all Montanans to pray for the defeat of this Constitutional Initiative and stand in defense of women, children and all those threatened by this extreme proposal.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us.
In Christ,

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
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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.

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 16 10:30 AM Cooney May 24th Caneled
- ◆ 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 May 12th: Mother's Day; Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30am Mass; Hospitality after every Mass this weekend.
- ◆ Monday May 13th: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's
- ◆ Tuesday May 14th: 12:10 Mass followed by Adoration
- ◆ Wednesday May 15th: 12:10 Mass; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions;
- ◆ Thursday May 16th: 8:00AM Mass; 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 17: 10:30 AM Mass at Cooney
- ◆ Saturday May 18th: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Highway Cleanup from 9am to 1pm.
- ◆ Sunday May 19: Pentecost Sunday; 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in social center; Blessing of Graduates at 8am and 10:30am Masses
- ◆ Monday May 20th: **Office Closed for Staff Planning Day**; 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's
- ◆ Tuesday May 21st: 6:30pm Journey Gathering in Social Center
- ◆ Wednesday May 22nd: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions
- ◆ Thursday May 23: 1:00 PM—2:30 PM The Chosen in St. Ann's; Foundation Board in Social Center from 11am to 3pm
- ◆ Friday May 24th: Hunter's Point Mass Canceled
- ◆ Saturday May 25th: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; Webster Baptisms at 4:30pm Mass
- ◆ Sunday May 26th: Voytaski Baptisms at 10:30am Mass

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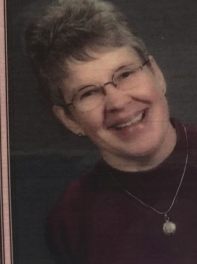
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