

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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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

June 6—Mount Ascension

June 20—Cooney

July 11—Touchmark



May 18, 2025

**The Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”

John 13:34

May 25, 2025

**The Sixth Sunday of
Easter**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

John 14:27



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.”

MASSES AT SAINT MARY

Sunday, May 18th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27, 40b-41; Revelations 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 24-25

8:00 AM Mass—for Ben Nicely†
rb: Jill Larson

10:30 AM Mass—Sharon Lang†
rb: Barry and Gail Lannan

Monday, May 19th—No Mass
Acts 15:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 20th—No Mass
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Office Closed for Staff Planning Day

Wednesday, May 21st
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

12:10 PM Mass—for Dan O'Leary†
rb: The Lannan Family

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 22nd
Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

12:10 PM Mass—for Dan O'Leary†
rb: Joe and Helen Beausoleil

Friday, May 23rd
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the parish

Saturday, May 24th

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Sharon Lang†
rb: Mary Schroeder

Sunday, May 25th—The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

8:00 AM Mass—for John Boyd
rb: The Boyd Family

10:30 AM Mass—for Burt Lahn
rb: Betty Lahn

Monday, May 26th—No Mass
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday May 27th
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
12:10 PM Mass—for Brian Smole
rb: The Boyd Family

Wednesday, May 28th
Acts 17:15-22-18:1; John 16:12-15
12:10 PM Mass
4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 29th
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:6-20
12:10 PM Mass—Sharon Lang†
rb: Joe and Helen Beausoleil

Friday, May 30th
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

Saturday, May 31st
Zephaniah 3:14-18; Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56
3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vigil



**Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice**

As praying stewards: We welcomed Zachary, Devlin, Emma and James to our Faith; we celebrated our children who received their First Holy Communion, and welcomed Bryson Ray in his baptism to our faith community. We also prayed with and celebrated all of our youth who received Confirmation. May all continue to walk in the presence of Our Lord in their life's journey!

As ministering stewards: We put forward a call for teachers to train for our new program, *Catechesis of the Good Shepard*. This program has had great success this past year, and we look forward to what the future may bring with this program. We also remembered and celebrated Pope Francis for his work and teaching of *Laudato Si'*, with a 10th anniversary celebration on May 18th. We continued to walk with those who live on the margins by supporting our Blessing Box, and remembering our indigent members who were honorably buried at the Lewis & Clark County Burial Service on May 8th, 2025.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 4/30/25	\$440,399
Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 4/30/25	<u>\$443,528</u>
Difference: (Received – Budget):		-\$ 3,129

Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts (FY 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 4/30/24))

Church Skylight Repair (estimate):	\$14,465
Church Furnace Replacement:	\$12,025
Font Repair (completed):	\$17,905
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	<u>\$18,720</u>
Current Need:	\$63,115
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	<u>\$58,200</u>
Difference (Received – Need):	-\$ 4,915

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 John from Sunday, May 11, Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice I know them, and they follow me...” Robert Prevost has heard the voice of the Lord from an early age; and following that voice has led him to become the 267th successor of Peter— Leo the XIVth. He is the first United States citizen to become a Pope, for which all of us are very proud. And because of his many years of missionary work in Peru, the now Pope Leo XIV has dual citizenship in Peru.

Born in Chicago September 14, 1955, to his parents Louis Prevost and Mildred Martinez, Robert spent his childhood and early adolescence with his family. He has two brothers, Louis and John. More on them later...

Robert Prevost joined the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers, then studied at Villanova University, earning a degree in mathematics in 1977. In September 1977, Robert Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago. He made his first profession September 2, 1978 and proclaimed his solemn vows on August 29, 1981.

Robert Prevost studied theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and later studied Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, better known as the Angelicum.

After being ordained an Augustinian priest on June 18, 1982, Robert Prevost began a career in ministry which had many hats— missionary work and leadership roles in Peru as well as missions director in Illinois. He received his licentiate in 1984, and in 1987, defended his doctoral thesis on “The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine.”

In eleven years in Peru, Robert Prevost served as Prior, formation director, instructor for Professed, Judicial vicar, and professor of Canon Law, Patristics and Moral Theology— and pastor of two parishes. Robert Prevost returned to the United States in 1999 as he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Chicago, and later elected Prior General. Prevost continued to hold substantial roles within the Augustinian order when Pope Francis named him Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, and soon after was ordained Bishop of Sufar on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2014.

As Bishop of Sufar and later Chiclayo, Bishop Prevost was a member of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, a member of the Congregation for the Clergy, and a member of the Congregation of Bishops— positions appointed to him by Pope Francis.

On January 30th, 2023, the Pope named Bishop Prevost as Prefect to the Dicastery for Bishops; President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, and also appointed him Archbishop. Pope Francis created Archbishop Prevost Cardinal in the Consistory on September 30th, 2024, where Cardinal Prevost was assigned the Diaconate of Saint Monica. As head of the Dicastery, Cardinal Prevost was involved in the Pope’s most recent Apostolic journeys, and was involved in the Synod of Bishops on synodality in 2023 and 2024.

Pope Francis continued to appoint Cardinal Prevost as a member of several Dicasteries including Evangelization, Doctrine of the Faith, Clergy, and Culture and Education. On February 6th, the Pope appointed Cardinal Prevost to the Order of Bishops, and three days later Cardinal Prevost celebrated the Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, the second major event of the Holy Year of Hope.

All of these past moments led to the powerful moment we experienced on Thursday, May 8th; as the College of Cardinals elected Cardinal Prevost as the 267th successor of Peter, the native of Chicago and a White Sox fan— which shows the power of our new Holy Father’s faith. Pope Leo XIV always aspired to be a priest. His brothers knew it. His neighbors knew Robert Prevost was special; a young man who loved the Lord with all of his heart. The boys would play war in the back yard. Robert Prevost’s brothers wanted to be military leaders in these games, like a captain or general. Robert always wanted to be the priest on the battlefield, for which the brothers would say, “what do you want to be, the Pope?”

In a post-conclave press conference, the American Cardinals were gathered with the press for about an hour. Cardinal Tobin of New Jersey stated that there was ‘noise’ that Cardinal Prevost was going to be the one chosen. Tobin cast his vote, was walking back to his seat, looked over at Cardinal Prevost, and saw him with his face in his hands in deep prayer. Cardinal Tobin stated that when Cardinal Prevost said yes to his brother Cardinals in becoming the 267th successor of Peter, a weight came off of Prevost’s shoulders, and it was simply meant for him. “That God had made something clear, and he agreed with it.”

Our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV is a tennis player, speaks several languages, and his brothers will still call him Bob. Pope Leo’s brothers, by the way, are not totally surprised by their other brother’s new position because they always knew there was something very special about him, and how Robert Prevost followed the Lord with all of his heart.

This Easter season, we give thanks for so many things in our lives. And we thank God for the gift of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May the Lord bless him and protect him. May his face shine upon him and be gracious to him, as Pope Leo XIVth takes on the role as the Vicar of Christ on earth— and the moral voice for all of humanity! Praised be Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, now and forever!

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



1st Communion 2025

Blessings on

Amari Ray Ness

**Daughter of Anna Stetzer and
Christopher Ness**

**Who received the
Sacrament of
Baptism on May
11th!**



**MARIA FOOT
1ST GRADE
&
MUSIC**

THANK YOU CATECHISTS!

**ANGIE BONNEY
&
SARA WUNDERLICH
2ND & 3RD GRADE**

**MARY BUSWELL
SNACKS**

**DEB LARSON
SNACKS**



**ALISSA VOELLER
&
CLAIRE MARTY
KINDERGARTEN**

Religious Education

**DEACON MICHAEL SEIPP
PRAYER**

**VICKI HENTZ
&
BIZZ BROWNING
4TH & 5TH GRADE**

Dawn Brannman Lori Mleko Renee Barnes Agnes Cronk Maggie Robertson
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Important Dates for Youth Group

Confirmation 2025



Blessing of Graduates this Sunday, May 18
at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses!



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

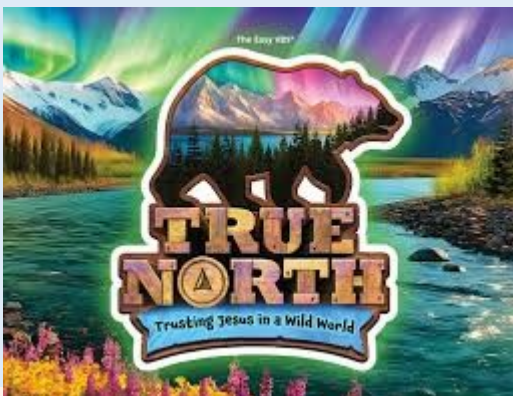
Register [**HERE!**](#)

Contact Dawn for more information!

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!





Liturgical Life

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 full-time salaried position, working 40 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.

Pastoral Care

In the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we encounter the mystery of Judas's betrayal—and Jesus's astonishing response:

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him."

Judas's betrayal of Jesus is awful. Forgiveness is hard.

It is a firm choice of the will, and it is a process that can take a lifetime.

Jesus tells us to forgive not just seven times, but seventy times seven.

Sometimes, I think He simply wants us to keep trying.

We can't just slap a spiritual Band-Aid on deep wounds.

With God's grace, perhaps some saints can sing hymns and pray their enemies forgiven as they're being led to the lions.

But more often, forgiveness is a long, stumbling journey—a groping about in the dark.

We must depend on Our Lord to come close and help us take the next step. And in that process, our emotions must be honored and felt:

- Anger at the injustice
- Sadness that the relationship isn't what it should be
- And eventually, acceptance

Sometimes this process also reveals the need for healthy boundaries—which are not the opposite of love, but often the fruit of it. Even when we've been deeply hurt, we can still hope the best for the other person.

Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl wrote:

"Each of us has his own inner concentration camp. We must deal... with forgiveness."

And in *Food for the Soul*, Peter Kreeft says:

"Jesus is not such a stupid psychologist as to say to us: I command you to have sweet, nice, happy feelings toward each other. This love is a choice of the will, a resolve, a commitment, a promise. Feelings can't be promised. But promises can be kept... This love frees us from misery because it frees us from our selfishness, our addiction to ourselves... That's why this love makes us happy: it's self-forgetful."

In the end, forgiveness requires agape love—a self-gift that is not deserved.

(And that includes me!)

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Lord, When Did We See You Homeless?

Corporal Works of Mercy based on Mt 25: 34-45

"The Cry of the Poor " (Laudato Si Action Plan, Theme 2)



As Catholics we know we are gifted and saved collectively. We are called by our triune God to love, pray for, have compassion and care for, and advocate for all of our neighbors **especially the most vulnerable among us.**

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta is an inspirational model of service based on loving, faith-filled ministry to people experiencing extreme poverty whom she saw as her brothers and sisters. She treated each person with dignity as she respectfully and compassionately cared for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. *She led a Jesus-centered life! She embodied the Catholic Social Teaching themes of solidarity and a preferential option for the poor.*

Solidarity is based in part on knowing about the people we are serving. When we seek to assist others, we often experience receiving as much or more than we give. In a recent presentation sponsored by the *Parish Diversity Celebration*, the film "**Why Should We Care,**" featuring interviews with unhoused people who call Helena home, was presented by Valerie Hellerman of *Hands On Global*. The presentation included a powerful display of photographs of unhoused people entitled "**Faces in Helena.**"

Many of the people filmed or photographed have long standing connections to the Helena area. One of them graduated from one of our state universities. Most of them have an employment history. Some rely on their faith in God to get them through. **Often, they help each other out.** None of them can afford housing. You can access the film on the parish website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRzdqY6qGM0>

As we learned more about people who are unhoused, we compassionately discovered how much we have in common. We are all part of one human family. We all have hopes and dreams, failures and regrets, strengths and weaknesses. We all want to be loved and included, forgiven and understood, seen and respected, treated with kindness and dignity. **We all need help sometimes.**

A flyer entitled "**Homeless in Helena – A Snapshot**" from United Way details information on homelessness in Helena, services designed to prevent it and organizations offering assistance to our unsheltered neighbors. Copies are available in the gathering space. Factors contributing to the increase in the number of unhoused people, including children and seniors, are income inequality, the increasing cost of rent, mental health issues, a history of trauma and substance abuse.

At the end of the presentation everyone was very energized! People had many questions and ideas for ways to help! These include: greeting people we see on the streets and treating them respectfully; assembling bags to give to people asking for money (that include food, information on services, a prayer, a space blanket for warmth, money, etc.); purchasing and donating parkas that convert to sleeping bags; donating to agencies serving people experiencing homelessness; and helping people get ID's. The *Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry* plans to implement some of these ideas.

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow man throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, their daily bread and, by our understanding love, give peace and joy. AMEN

Prayer Attributed to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Sponsored by the *Parish Diversity Celebration* - St. Teresa of Calcutta and people living in poverty .

Supported by the *Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry* ~~~ Thank you for your prayerful support.

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

This Sunday, May 18th, SMCC will be commemorating the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's profound encyclical, *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*. The Saint Mary Care for Creation Ministry asked Dr. Wendy Yuen to select a song for this celebration. She chose "**Let Us Sing as We Go**," composed by the talented Jaime Cortez. Dr. Yuen wrote the following, "This song finds its roots in the profound themes articulated in Pope Francis's encyclical, which underscores the imperative of global environmental stewardship."

Dr. Yuen continues, "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' 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.**

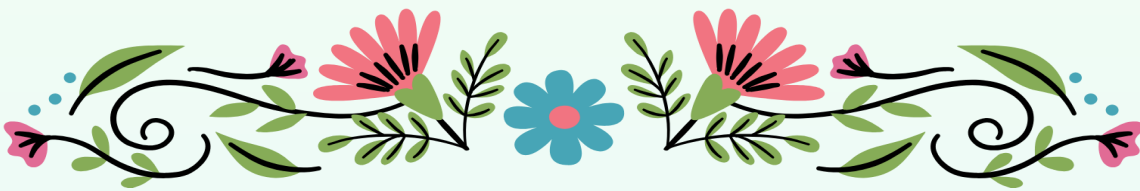
The refrain serves as a poignant reminder of our shared duty to care for the Earth, emphasizing that it is not merely a place of habitation but a shared space belonging to all. Cortez's enchanting melody, coupled with the profound message of the song, invigorates the spirit and ignites a sense of collective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

- Our thanks to Dr. Yuen.

***SMCC Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary Celebration – May 18
(Between the Masses) 9:10-10:20 AM***





New Mass Times!

Beginning the weekend of July 5th and July 6th

- ⇒ *Weekday Masses:* Tuesday and Thursday at 12:10 PM
- ⇒ *Saturday Vigil:* 4:00 PM
- ⇒ *Sunday Mass:* 9:00 AM
- ⇒ *Adoration:* Tuesday following 12:10 PM Mass
- ⇒ *Reconciliation:* Tuesday, 3:45– 5:00 PM; Saturday, 3:00– 3:45 PM



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!



A Time to Remember

Our memorial plot in the Jubilee Garden serves as a memorial/healing garden for the parish. It is a place of beauty, remembrance and hope. All are WELCOME to visit the garden throughout the season.

A special memorial event for Parishioners – May 21st at 6:00pm. If you want to remember a loved one or perhaps you have loved ones buried in another community, you are invited to bring a plant in honor of them. As we bless the garden you will plant your special flower in memory of your loved ones.

Some flowers can have special meaning for remembering, for example: Lavender-devotion; Pansy- loving thoughts; Rosemary- remembrance; Thyme- courage, strength; Zinnia – loss of my friend; Geranium- true friendship, comfort, love; Marigold- passion, joy; Verbena- love, peace, healing.

Bring a plant that has meaning for you and your loved one, please only annuals. A small shovel would also be handy.

“What’s Good for Lent is good for life.” --- It’s always a good time to practice the ***Corporal Works of Mercy***. Stop by the Diversity Display of St. Mother Theresa and find the brochure: ***Corporal Works of Mercy in a Jubilee Year*** with suggestions. Create your own. For example we can Visit the Prisoners by supporting the local HCORP with towels, washcloths, blankets, etc. Lots of good suggestions! In honor of Pope Francis may we all be people of Mercy.

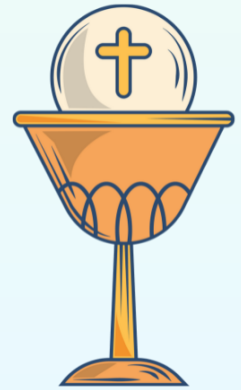
Parish Directory Update

Staying connected means we are better equipped to serve our community!

So, to ensure we stay connected, we're updating our parish directory. It's a huge job and we need your help!

Fill out the Parish Directory Update Connection Card you received in the mail with your up-to-date contact information or click [HERE](#) to complete the electronic card.

Thanks for helping us strengthen our ability to communicate with our parishioners, because you matter to us!



A big thank you to **Mike Jetty**, who is an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation and works for the Indian Education for All program at the State of Montana Office of Public Instruction, and who recently gave an informative, dynamic, entertaining presentation on **Native American Cultural Awareness**. The information Mike presented creates understanding, respect, and appreciation for Native Americans and their **diversity, culture, history, and sovereignty**, enabling us to support needed social justice efforts. The presentation was not recorded but you can find the information Mike presented and more at opi.mt.gov.

Family Promise Volunteer Coordinators want to express their appreciation to all the people who helped us with hosting Family Promise guests at Saint Mary's during the week of April 20th-26th.

Your help in preparing meals, doing laundry, serving as overnight hosts, buying groceries, setting up and taking down is vital in carrying on this ministry. The staff, especially Brandon, was of great assistance.

Thank you for all you do by volunteering your time and talents to Family Promise.

The SMCC Volunteer Coordinators

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Donor	In Honor of	Relation	In Memory of	Relation
Rick and Donna Duane	Kendra Sheaffer	Daughter/ Step Daughter		
Rick and Donna Duane	Richelle/Lucero	Daughter/ Step Daughter		
Rick and Donna Duane	Kailyn Duane	Daughter/ Step Daughter		
Rick and Donna Duane	Jessica Sanders	Daughter In Law		
Rick Duane	Donna Duane	Wife		
Rick Duane			Marion Duane	Mother
Donna Duane			Helen Prijic	Mother
Barbara Shaeffer			Rose Battani	
Barbara Shaeffer			Marie Battani	
Barbara Shaeffer			Peg Schaeffer	
Barbara Shaeffer	Marie Fleming			
Barbara Shaeffer	Jill Keating			
Barbara Shaeffer	Mandy Borden			
Barbara Shaeffer	Kathy Raunig			
Barbara Shaeffer	Maria Foot			
Colleen Carroll	Joyce Connors	Mother		
Colleen Carroll	Mandee Zuelke	Daughter		
Sam Prestipino	Cris Bisson	Daughter		
Sam Prestipino			Sophia Prestipino	Mother
Maureen Stohl			Geraldine Christenen	Mother
Maureen Stohl			Luella Stohl	Mother/ Mother in Law
Maureen Stohl	Laura Degenhart	Sister		
Maureen Stohl	Linda Myhre	Sister/Sister in Law		
Connor, Avery, & Colton Stohl	Jennifer Stohl	Mother		
Todd and Mark Stohl	Maureen Stohl	Mother		
James Casada	Kelli Elizabeth	Mother		

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Donor	In Honor of	Relation	In Memory of	Relation
Lois Menzies & Gary Grzebielski			Edwina Menzies	Mother/Mother in Law
Lois Menzies & Gary Grzebielski			Val Grzebielski	Mother/Mother in Law
Cris and Marc Bisson	Bertie Bisson	Mother/Mother in Law		
Criss and Marc Bisson			Margale Prestipino	Step Mother
Jim and Mary Martinez			Ruby Fitzgerald	Mother/Mother in Law
Jim and Mary Martinez			Josephine Martinez	Mother/Mother in Law
Dean and Kim Egeland			Mary Egeland	Mother/Mother in Law
Dean and Kim Egeland			Jeanette Kelly	Mother/Mother in Law
Jim Schaeffer	Barbara Schaeffer	Wife		
Karen and Jerry Lundin			Frances Fry	Mother/Mother in Law
Karen and Jerry Lundin			Rhea Lundin	Mother/Mother in Law
Anna Miller	Margaret Miller	Sister		
Anna Miller			June Miller	Mother
Nancy Coleman	Cristy Cooper	Sister		
Nancy Coleman	Ramona Rogers	Sister		
Nancy Coleman	Valerie Guedesse			
Nancy Coleman			Violet Coleman	Mother
Deb Larson			Elizabeth Cross	Mother
Deb Larson			Marlene Gleason	Aunt
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A panel presentation and discussion
Sunday 5/18/2025 9:10-10:20 Social Center

**Sign Up for
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VBS will be June 16-20
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Who: Children entering Kindergarten – 5th
Grade

Theme:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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Helena Catholic Journey Gathering

Missed the movie? Haven't read the book? It might have been over 10 years since Fr. Stuart Long passed away, but Fr. Stu's legacy is alive through the ministry of Beyond 227. Want to learn more about this beloved priest of our diocese? Please join members of Beyond 227 ministry as they share how Fr. Stu continues to minister in our lives. The Gathering talk will be at Saint Mary Catholic Community in Helena on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 pm in the Social Center. Sponsored by Helena Catholic Journey Community. The event is free and open to everyone.

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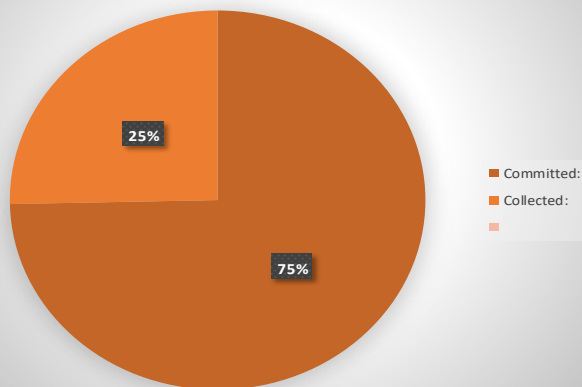
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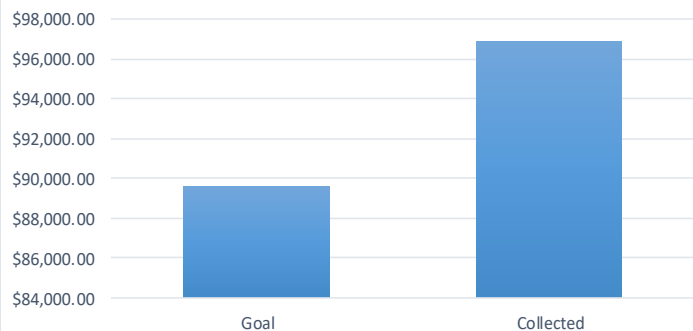
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- ♦ **Sunday May 18th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 9:10 am Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary Panel Presentation; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word; 8:00 am and 10:30 am Blessing of the Graduates; 1:00 pm Confirmation Retreat
- ♦ **Monday May 19th:** No Mass; 9:45 Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA Celebration Dinner
- ♦ **Tuesday May 20th:** *No Mass*; 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 2:00 pm Book Club; 7:00 pm Helena Catholic Journey Gathering; *Office Closed for Staff Planning Day*
- ♦ **Wednesday May 21st:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- ♦ **Thursday May 22nd:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday May 23rd:** 12:10 PM Mass at Saint Mary Catholic Community
- ♦ **Saturday May 24th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ♦ **Sunday May 25th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Monday May 26th:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; *Office closed for Memorial Day*
- ♦ **Tuesday May 27th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Wednesday May 28th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- ♦ **Thursday May 29th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday May 30th:** 12:10 pm Mass at Saint Mary Catholic Community
- ♦ **Saturday May 31st:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass

Prayers for the Deceased

Cornelius James "Jim" Wall

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

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

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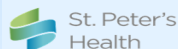
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2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from **5AM to 10PM**.
3. Make changes or find a substitute at the same website.
4. Need **two adorers scheduled per hour** so that Jesus is protected and never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

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