

# Saint Mary Catholic Community



**July 5th, 2026**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

“Come to me, all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

**Matthew 11:28**

**July 12th, 2026**  
**The Fifteenth**  
**Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

“But the seed sown on rich soil  
is the one who hears the word  
and understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit and yields a hundred  
or sixty or thirtyfold.”

**Matthew 13:23**

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM | Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 PM

Upcoming Care Center Masses: July 10 Touchmark, July 17 Cooney

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

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. and Saturday 2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

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## 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, July 5th—The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30*

**9:00 AM Mass**— for Austin James Casada†  
rb: Kelli and James Casada

#### **Monday, July 6th—No Mass**

*Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26*

#### **Tuesday, July 7th**

*Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38*

**12:10 PM Mass**— for Don MacIntyre†  
rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

**3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions**

#### **Wednesday, July 8th—No Mass**

*Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 9:32-38*

#### **Thursday, July 9th**

*Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15*

**12:10 PM Mass**— for Kathy Fuson†  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

#### **Friday, July 10th**

*Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23*

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

#### **Saturday, July 11th**

*Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33*

**10:30 AM Funeral for Monica DesJarlais**  
**2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions**

**4:00 PM Vigil**— for Helen and Bill Dunbar†  
rb: Catherine Ortwein

### **Sunday, July 12th— The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23;  
Matthew 13:1-23*

**9:00 AM Mass**— for the intentions of Arlene Strecker  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

#### **Monday, July 13th—No Mass**

*Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1*

#### **Tuesday, July 14th**

*Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24*

**12:10 PM Mass**— for Marty Hagar†  
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

**3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions**

#### **Wednesday, July 15th—No Mass**

*Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27*

#### **Thursday, July 16th**

*Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30*

**12:10 PM Mass**— for the intentions of Fr. Tom O'Donnell  
rb: Lori Moullet

#### **Friday, July 17th**

*Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8*

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

#### **Saturday, July 18th**

*Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21*

**4:00 PM Vigil**— for the intentions of Michael Vreeburg  
rb: Women's Catholic Conference

## Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday July 5th:** 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ **Monday July 6th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- ◆ **Tuesday July 7th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- ◆ **Wednesday July 8th:** No Mass
- ◆ **Thursday July 9th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday July 10th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion; **Office Closed**
- ◆ **Saturday July 11th:** 10:30 Funeral for Monica DesJarlais; 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass, Sundaes on Saturday Social Following Mass
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## Parish Staff at your service

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**Finance Council Members:** Bruce Baumgart, Jana Gruber, Julie Johnson, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moullet, Rick Duane, and Nancy Coleman

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. | Tuesday: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Fr. Tim's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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## *From Father Tim*

I want to thank the people of Saint Mary Catholic Community for the wonderful going away party, the Osprey daypack for hiking, all of your gifts, cards, and well-wishes for me as I leave Saint Mary and Our Lady of the Valley Parish this weekend to minister to the people of the Blackfeet nation. I was very humbled by all of the festivities and gifts to me. May the Lord bless and keep all of you, and may His face shine upon you now, and for all eternity. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, friendship, and support to me during my four years here; I deeply appreciate it, and ask for your prayers as I begin a new adventure, and be assured of my prayers for all of you!

When I was ordained a priest in 2003, I was assigned to the Cathedral of St. Helena for two years. I lived with Monsignor Kevin O'Neill at 2500 Gold Rush, and we would have many conversations about priesthood, Notre Dame football, and the years-ago rivalry between Butte Central Maroons and the Powell County High School Wardens. But we also had significant theological discussions as well. One time we were visiting and he said, "Everything is providential; everything happens for a reason..."

In the summer of 1976, my parents allowed me to go on a cross-country pilgrimage with Fr. Ray Nyquist, a priest of Great Falls/Billings, his father, and a group of 30 to the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. There were a number of visits to Montreal, New York, and Chicago.

During our time in Philadelphia, we stayed in private homes in the area. I stayed with a couple named John and Mary Fox of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. They were wonderful people and very receptive to me. At the Congress, there were many Cardinals, Archbishops, and Clergy from all over the world. I listened to now St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta and other notables in the Church at that time. It was a wonderful tour of Canada and our nation—many of the sites that I have not returned to since that time.

Fast forward to 2009, and I was a priest in the Anaconda Catholic Community. As most of you know, I have been a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs for over 50 years. I found out that Derrick Thomas, a fierce linebacker with the Chiefs that had passed away in a car wreck after his playing days, was going to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio that summer; I decided to go.

I got two tickets to the event. I asked my brother and a few others if they wanted to go, but everyone had future obligations. The Wednesday that I got on the plane in Butte to begin the journey, the Holy Spirit told me I was meant to go by myself.

The weather that weekend in Ohio, the first weekend in August, was incredible: mid-70's and clear skies. I attended a Cleveland Indian game the night I arrived. I did not realize how close Pittsburgh was to Cleveland as I was able to do a two hour drive to Pittsburgh to attend a Friday afternoon game with the Pirates.

On Thursday of 'that weekend', I visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Michael Jackson had passed away near that time, as they were building a memorial for him. It was good to see all the Rock and Roll memorabilia. After about a two hour visit, I decided it was time for a beer.

I walked to downtown Cleveland and found a sports bar. I started talking to a guy named John who was a College Women's Basketball Coach in the area. He knew former Lady Griz basketball coach Robin Selvig, and we just started talking about life.

I asked him where he was from, and he said the Philadelphia area. I told him about my experience in Philadelphia in 1976 and how we stayed in private homes for the International Eucharistic Congress. He asked, "Who did you stay with?" I said, "I believe their names were John and Mary Fox." And he said, "That's my Aunt and Uncle." When John said this I pointed to the heavens, verifying why I went on this trip by myself. We all know that when we go on trips with others, there will be many 'negotiations': where to eat, where to go, etc. In the Lord's providential plan, I went on this trip by myself, which allowed me to meet John and to have a phone conversation with his Aunt and Uncle John and Mary Fox 33 years later. At one point, Mary said, "We are a little older now." I said, "And now I am a priest." It turns out that Mary had worked for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

John joined me at the Pro Football Hall of Fame event. It was a wonderful evening as the weather continued to cooperate in fine style. It was a very blessed weekend with incredible memories.

All things are providential. Everything happens for a reason. In God's providential plan, I came to Saint Mary four years ago and Our Lady of our Valley this past year, and now God's providence is taking me to minister the Blackfeet nation. We walk by faith and not by sight. TRUST IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, AND BE AT PEACE! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

**Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Tim Moriarty**

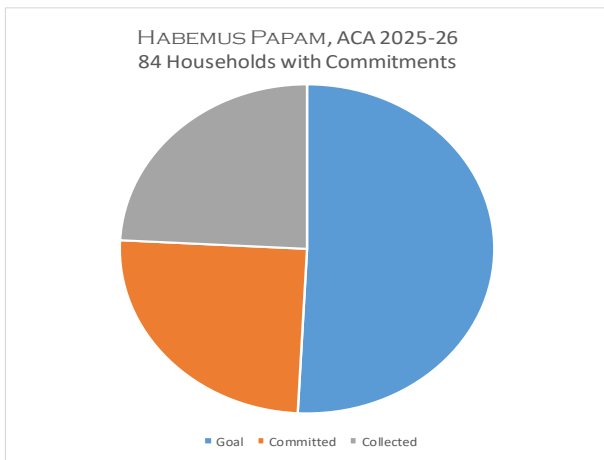
**As praying stewards and ministering stewards,** we are beginning our seasonal movement into the warm, slow days of summer, with its time of refreshment and renewal. As many of our parish ministries have concluded for the summer, so, too, will our observations about parish life for the summer. That does not mean our prayer and ministering efforts conclude; they do continue on through the summer, just in a different time and manner. We will be back with parish observations in August, 2026. Enjoy your summer!

**As sacrificing stewards,**

**Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:**

Total Donations (Two Weeks): 6/18/26 – 7/02/26 \$29,180.00

Monthly Income (June) \$54,648  
Average Monthly Expenses (June) \$48,556



<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$ 89,600.00</b>	<b>47.73% of Goal</b>
Committed	\$ 44,169.92	
Collected	\$ 42,619.92	

**Broad Participation Brings Success**

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholics of the Diocese of Helena pool their financial resources and together help the men, women, children and families of our communities, our diocese and our world. Next week, many who have not yet made a gift to ACA 2025 will receive a third request from Bishop Vetter asking for participation. Please help in this important work of our Church. May God bless you for your generosity.

**SMCC Food Share Donations**

During the month of June, SMCC has donated 286 lbs of food to Helena Food Share!  
Thank you for your generosity!

**SMCC Solar Energy**

As of Thursday, June 18th at 9:00 am, SMCC solar panels have produced 217.97 MWh of energy worth \$25,066.61!

**Pope's Intentions for July 2026**

**For respect for human life**

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

## **Administrative Assistant/Communications Coordinator**

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified administrative/communications professional to support the operations of Saint Mary Catholic Community. This position reports to the Pastor and is responsible for providing an intermediate level of administrative support for the parish, including overall office management, reception and clerical support, service to the general public, and communications efforts of the parish. Candidates should have an associate's degree and at least two years of administrative experience, or the equivalent education and experience.

Strong organizational and communications skills are essential. This is a 32 hour per week position, with benefits. The hourly pay range will be \$17.50- \$19.00 per hour depending on experience. For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at <https://www.stmaryhelena.org/> Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to [finance@stmaryhelena.org](mailto:finance@stmaryhelena.org).

This position will remain open until filled.

## **Director of Pastoral Care**

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Director of Pastoral Care to support the operations of Saint Mary Catholic Community. This position reports to the Pastor and serves the parish by overseeing and coordinating ministries that provide spiritual, emotional, and physical care to individuals and families. Rooted in Catholic teachings and the mission of the Church, the Director ensures that all programs reflect compassion, mercy and the dignity of every person. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent education/experience in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Social Work, Nursing or a related field. Strong organizational and communication skills are essential. This is a salaried position, working 32 hours per week, with benefits.

Annual salary will depend on experience. For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at [www.stmaryhelena.org](http://www.stmaryhelena.org). Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to [finance@stmaryhelena.org](mailto:finance@stmaryhelena.org). This position will remain open until filled.

## **Parish Prayer Chain**

Prayer is a powerful way we practice loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the Parish Office to have your prayer request put on the email prayer chain. Your request can include the person's name or be anonymous. To join the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office (406) 442-5268. If you'd like to be a part of the parish prayer chain and don't have access to email, please call Keaton at the parish office to sign up with your telephone number. As prayers are received at the parish, you will receive a phone call, making it possible for you to participate in this important prayer ministry.

## **Hospital Communion Ministry**

With concern for your privacy, should you be admitted to St. Peter's Health, you will be invited to disclose your religious affiliation and your interest in having a member of Saint Mary Catholic Community contact you during your hospital stay. If you'd like to receive Communion from a Pastoral Care Minister or Father Tim Moriarty, it is important that you answer the questions that enable the hospital Chaplain to contact Saint Mary for you. The nurse completing your intake will ask if you'd like to visit with the Chaplain, Kim Pepper (a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish), or disclose your religious affiliation and will then inquire if you'd like someone from your faith community to visit you. The Pastoral Care Ministry of Saint Mary Catholic Community would love to provide you with comfort during your hospital stay.

Please let the hospital staff know if a visit would be helpful for you.



St. Peter's Health

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

## ***Magnificent Humanity; Pope Leo's First Encyclical***

The Church has received a wonderful gift in Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"). While the document addresses the growing role of artificial intelligence in our world, its heart is a reflection on something timeless: the dignity and beauty of every human person created by God.

In a world increasingly shaped by technology, Pope Leo reminds us that our worth is not found in our productivity, our achievements, education, or intelligence. Our value comes from being beloved children of God. No machine, no technology, and no social system can ever replace the unique gifts of the human heart—the capacity to love, to pray, to forgive, to create, and to care for one another.

The Holy Father encourages us to approach new technologies with both gratitude and wisdom. These tools can accomplish much good, but they must always remain servants of humanity rather than masters of it. As Christians, we are called to ensure that our choices promote truth, justice, compassion, and respect for the dignity of every person, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Perhaps the most important message of the encyclical is a simple one: never lose sight of what it means to be human. In Christ, we discover our true identity and our deepest purpose. The more our world changes, the more we need the light of the Gospel to guide us.

I encourage you to take some time to read Pope Leo's encyclical for yourself. You do not need to be a theologian to appreciate its message! Read it prayerfully, discuss it with family and friends, and allow the Holy Father's words to deepen your appreciation for the gift of human life and the responsibilities we share as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May this new encyclical inspire all of us to grow in faith, hope, and charity as we seek to build a world that reflects the love and dignity God has bestowed on every person.

**Please pray for all of our youth at Legendary Lodge this week and next! May God bless them abundantly while they are at the Lodge !!!**

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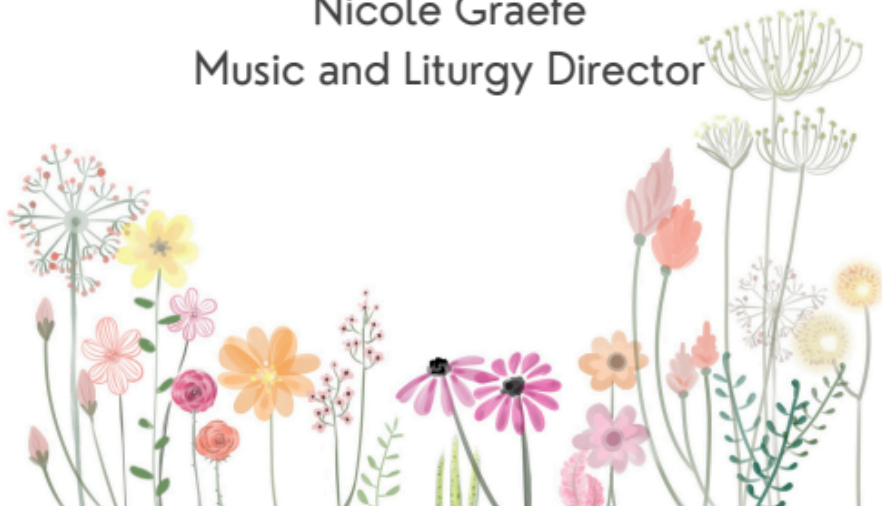
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# Liturgy and Music

In the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Jesus says to his disciples "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) This has always been one of my favorite verses and has brought great comfort in times of anxiety or stress. I find that one of the best ways to rest in the Lord is coming to Mass and engaging in the liturgy. Laying our burdens at the feet of Christ and receiving him with open hearts is a beautiful way to take up the yoke of Christ in our lives. Music as well has always been a place of solace for me in particular and there is a beautiful song for this particular verse called "Come To Me" by Michael Joncas.

So these next weeks, I encourage you to make space in your day to go to Mass. To come to the Lord with your burdens and perhaps attend one daily mass a week. Surrender your heart to the Lord and He will give you the peace and rest that only He can provide.

Blessings,  
Nicole Graefe  
Music and Liturgy Director



## Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets



<b>Donor</b>	<b>In Honor of</b>	<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>Relation</b>
Flordelis Medina		Edmund Caplis	Son-In-Law
		Iriheo Medina	Father-In-Law
		Arsenio Peleo Sr.	Father
		Arsenio Peleo Jr.	Brother
		Efren Peleo	Brother
		Leopoldo Medina	Husband
	Steve McCurdy		Son-In-Law
Anna Miller	Peter Miller		Father
	Lyle Manley		Husband
Kim & Dean Egeland		Monte Egeland	Father/Father-In-Law
		Thomas Kelly	Father/Father-In-Law
Nancy Coleman	Ryan Guedesse		Nephew
	Luke Kovarik		Nephew
	Stan Lockwood		Nephew
	Stuart Schopp		Nephew
	Mark Cooper		Brother-In-Law
	Shelby Rogers		Brother-In-Law
	Stan Guedesse		Brother-In-Law
		Robert Coleman	Father
Doug & Keb Kralicek	Damon Clemente		Son-In-Law
	Marvin Cutler		Father
	Doug Kralicek		Father of Jenn Clemente & Kim Kralicek- Ferebee
		Ed Kralicek	Father/Father-In-Law
	Justin Ferebee		Son-In-Law
Gail O'Loughlin	Carl O'Loughlin		Father of Kevin & Kelly
Josh & Jen McKay & Family	David Brown		Father/Father-In-Law/ Grandfather
Roy & Danita Murray		Leonard Pacht	Father/Father-In-Law
		Dick Murray	Father/Father-In-Law
Jill Keating	Jim Schaeffer		Father

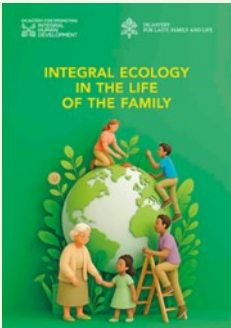
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Colleen Carroll	Darrick Zuelke		Son-In-Law
		Pat Connors	Father
Joe & Helen Beausoleil	Joe Beausoleil		Father of Kristan and Jennifer
		Aloysius Beausoleil	Father of Joe Beausoleil
		Alvin Laurvick	Father of Helen Beausoleil
Deb Larson	Steve Larson		Husband
	Kyle Larson		Son
		Russ Cross	Father
		Bing Gleason	Uncle
		Frank Tillo	Uncle
Susan Manion Nyland		Dr. James Manion	Father
Mary Martinez		Denny Fitzgerald	Father of Mary Martinez
		Frisco Martinez	Father of Jim Martinez
	Jim Martinez		Husband
Maureen Stohl	Chuck Stohl		Father of Todd and Mark
	Mark Stohl		Father of Connor, Avery, & Colton
		Lawrence Christensen	Father of Maureen Stohl
		Clifford Stohl	Father of Chuck Stohl
Nina Heinzinger & David Krainacker	David Krainacker		Father of Miriam, Peter, & Matt
	Peter Krainacker		Father of Anthony
		Anthony Krainacker	Father of David Krainacker
		Paul Heinzinger	Father of Nina Heinzinger
Mary Matule	Mary Matule's Male Family Members	Mary Matule's Male Family Members	

## SMCC Care for Creation Ministry

### *Laudato Si' Theme 2 – Listen to the Cry of the Poor and the Vulnerable*



Let [Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family](#) become a tool for you and your family as you transform your beliefs into positive actions. Over the coming weeks we will highlight each of the seven themes providing questions for reflection/discussion and ideas for concrete actions.

“The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to **defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth.**” (*LSAction Plan*) The family is a beautiful place to create a culture of shared life and respect.

#### **Awareness:**

Families are called to be more sensitive to the needs of their poorer counterparts. How could this be applied in our daily lives?

As a family, do we have enough positive and age-appropriate conversations about the need to protect life from discrimination, mistreatments, violence and environmental degradation?

Reflect on the positive actions you are taking as an individual, a family and a community.

How can family members bring their variety of different skills to working with and for the poor?

#### **Actions for families and individuals:**

Invite people to your house for a meal, even if – for economic or social reasons – they cannot reciprocate. Impart the quiet power of kindness and friendliness.

As a family pray for the spread of a culture of life and encounter. “Simple daily gestures are an important element in this process.”

On Sundays after Mass volunteer individually or as a family at SMCC Jubilee Garden which provides thousands of pounds of food to Helena Food Share.

Donate some food to Helena Food Share and/or make/purchase some food and bring to God’s Love.

*“Care for creation is truly a vocation for every human being. We are creatures among creatures, entrusted with the responsibility to care for all that the creator has made.” Pope Leo XIV*

## **Parish Picnic Planning Committee**

The Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 30th and we need your help coordinating! Please sign up [HERE](#) or on the kiosk in the Gathering Space to join the **Parish Picnic Planning Committee** to *coordinate and plan the picnic.*

**Thank you!**



# More On Artificial Intelligence as We Strive for the Common Good

*St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry*

**DEFINITION:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the capability of computational systems to perform tasks typically identified with human intelligence such as learning, reasoning, problem solving and decision making.

**WHY IT MATTERS:** AI touches every part of our lives today – from how we shop for groceries, to what our news sources say, to who is elected, to how our medical records are managed, to decision making in military matters. **AI has the potential for extraordinary good** (analyzing gene coding to develop effective drugs to cure disease.) **It also has the potential for grave harm** (removing power from people in everything from free agency in decision making to creating a subordinate, disenfranchised class of people.)

**RANDOM FACTS ABOUT AI:** \*Some estimates suggest that up to 33% of newly created online content is now AI-generated. *At the end of 2025, more than 50% of new e-books on Amazon contained AI-generated text.* \*Entry-level job postings in the U.S. dropped 35% since 2023, *with concerns that AI is automating junior professional work such as legal research, coding, and administrative tasks.* \*Governments and companies increasingly use AI for facial recognition, employee monitoring, predictive policing, and behavior tracking. *Critics argue this could expand mass surveillance and reduce civil liberties.* \*If power becomes concentrated in a few AI companies, their AI models will have disproportionate influence over information, infrastructure, and labor markets. This will deepen economic inequality by concentrating wealth among highly skilled workers and large corporations. \*As AI is increasingly used in military targeting, drone systems, cybersecurity and surveillance, mistakes or misuse can directly threaten human lives.

**THE PATH FORWARD:** Since Artificial Intelligence continues to expand into so many aspects of our lives what can we do to enable humanity to thrive in conjunction with it? **First, we can stay informed and educated on its' far-reaching influences and effects.** We can support efforts by our governments and lawmakers to protect our privacy and use of our data. We can support efforts of educators to teach critical and analytical thinking skills. We can support efforts to encourage all (especially young people whose lives AI will most impact) to challenge systems, corporations and organizations whose reliance on AI diminishes the value of human involvement.

**MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CONCERNS:** The Vatican has been in conversation with the tech industry about these issues for over a decade. Pope Leo's encyclical **Magnifica Humanitas**, which he released May 25, grew out of these dialogues. **Central to Catholic morality is the Dignity of the Human Person and by extension, Care for the Common Good.** We were created in the image and likeness of God. We can remember that machines and robots don't pray. **In our presence with God through prayer we can ask for the wisdom and courage to be advocates for the use of AI only in ways for the betterment of all humankind.**

The above information is sourced from: **Social Justice Resource Center** (Diocese of Chicago), June 2026 newsletter. <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>; **Vatican News.** <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-05/pope-leo-xiv-encyclical-magnifica-humanitas-ai.html>

## Father Tim's Final Mass at SMCC

Father Tim's final Mass at Saint Mary Catholic Community will be on Sunday, July 5th.  
We will continue to pray for him on his new assignment!

## Sundaes on Saturday Social

A Sundaes on Saturday Social, hosted by the Welcome Ministry, will be held on Saturday, July 11th after the 4:00 pm Mass to welcome Fr. Cody Williams!  
All are invited to attend to meet and greet Fr. Cody.

## Our Lady of the Valley Updated Summer Mass Times

### Saturday:

- No Mass

### Sunday:

- 11:00 AM
- 6:00 PM

## Thank You

Have you had a chance to check out our new sign on the front lawn?  
A big thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus, Helena Council 844 for installing our new sign and covering all the costs!  
We appreciate all of the work they put into this project!



## Thank You

Thank you to this extremely generous parish for the successful virtual shower for Patrick and Kelly Kander. Saint Mary Catholic Community has once again shown the true spirit of this parish in their giving for someone in need. God bless you all!

## Bingo Prizes

We are collecting Bingo prizes for both adults and children for the Parish Picnic! If you are interested in donating items (new or used but in good condition), please bring them to the Parish Office during office hours by Wednesday, August 26th. Thank you!

## Ministry Fair

Join us Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for our upcoming Ministry Fair following the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses!

## Prayer in Motion

Prayer in Motion continues on Fridays at 12 noon in the Social Center. This is a slow, meditative exercise in a contemplative, prayer-based setting. No experience is necessary. Both seated and standing options are available. Classes are 30-45 minutes. Hope to see you there!

## Painting Saints

We would like to thank Carroll College Men's Basketball Head Coach Dan Pearson and some of his basketball players attending summer camp for striping our parking lot! We appreciate the hard work and long hours they put in to get this done. Thank you, it looks great!



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT – PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Helena is firmly committed to the health, protection, and safety of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. To report allegations of sexual abuse, contact the Diocese of Helena Victim’s Advocate at (406)-459-0513 or [VictimAssistant@diocesehelena.org](mailto:VictimAssistant@diocesehelena.org).

To obtain information about the Diocese’s implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People through our Safe Environment policies and programs, visit: <https://diocesehelena.org/safe-environment>

## Ignatian Rules of Discernment

Presented by Teresa Chabot  
Catholic lay Spiritual Director for Women- St Matthew’s Parish, Kalispell, MT  
Thursday Evening ~ Sunday Morning  
July 30 – August 2, 2026  
The Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center  
21592 Sycamore Tree Lane ~ Swan Lake, MT  
[www.sycamoretreeretreat.org](http://www.sycamoretreeretreat.org)

### 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, and 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.

### *Prayers for the Deceased*

Monica DesJarlais

*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.

### Blessing Box

Thank you all for your continued support for Saint Mary’s Blessing Box. With winter having arrived, we are in need for gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, and small blankets. And, of course, we still need food items that can be consumed without utensils as well as hygiene items. Please, do not put canned goods in the Blessing Box; canned goods should be given to Food Share. Blessings to you all in 2026!

**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**



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**Family Promise: 406-465-9467**



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**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.

**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](http://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**



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-Please Continue to pray for our Seminarians-

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**AUGUST 23**



**12:15 PM**



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Food



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Prayer for Our Community



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**We Pray for all those serving in the Military**

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