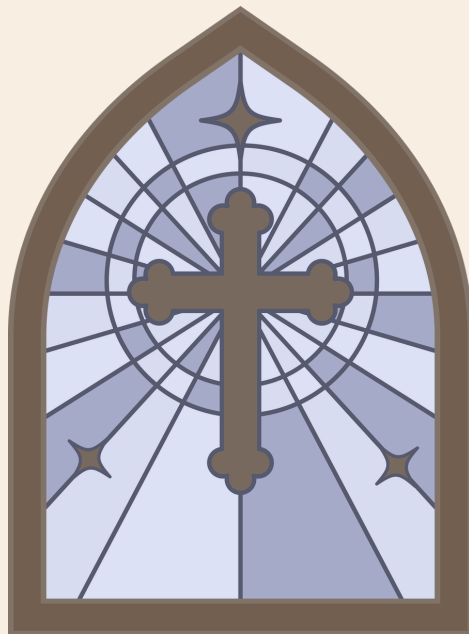


Saint Mary Catholic Community



August 2nd, 2026 The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.”

Matthew 14:19

August 9th, 2026 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:30

Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. | Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 p.m.

Upcoming Care Center Masses: August 7th at Mount Ascension, August 14th at Touchmark

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.

[Click here to signup for Flocknote \(to receive news and updates from us\)](#)

[Click here to watch our livestreams](#)

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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, August 2nd—The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

9:00 AM Mass— for Bill Dunbar ⚬
rb: Jill and Tom Larson

Monday, August 3rd—No Mass
Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4th
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36
12:10 PM Mass— for Anne Hinman ⚬
rb: Jim and Marcia Summers

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, August 5th—No Mass
Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6th
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Jim Beneventi
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, August 7th
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28
10:00 AM Funeral Liturgy for Lawrence Schneider

Saturday, August 8th
Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
2:30 PM—3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for Captain James T. Corbett ⚬
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Sunday, August 9th—The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
9:00 AM Mass— for Kathleen and Mike Gallagher ⚬
rb: Rita Costello

Monday, August 10th—No Mass
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11th
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
12:10 PM Funeral Mass for Richard Clark
3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, August 12th—No Mass
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13th
Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1
12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Arlene Rolando
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, August 14th
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12
11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark for the intentions of the people at Touchmark
5:30 PM Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15th
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Luke 11:27-28
2:30 PM—3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for Leo and Mae Walchuck ⚬
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday August 2nd:** 9:00 am Mass
- Monday August 3rd:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm VBS
- Tuesday August 4th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm VBS; 3:30 pm- 5:00 pm Confessions
- Wednesday August 5th:** No Mass; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm VBS
- Thursday August 6th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm VBS
- Friday August 7th:** 10:00 am Funeral Liturgy for Lawrence Schneider; 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm VBS; **No Prayer in Motion**
- Saturday August 8th:** 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday August 9th:** 9:00 am Mass; Farewell Reception for Dawn following Mass
- Monday August 10th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- Tuesday August 11th:** 12:10 pm Funeral Mass for Richard Clark; 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Confessions; 5:30 pm Pastoral Council
- Wednesday August 12th:** No Mass
- Thursday August 13th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- Friday August 14th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; 5:30 pm Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Office Closed; No Prayer in Motion**
- Saturday August 15th:** 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass

Parish Staff at your service

Father Cody Williams
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Parish Councils at your service

Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Jan Buyske, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Mary Munger, Casey Molloy, Jeff Tobin, Tyson Schulte, Leah Butkay, Lacey Galen, Kristi Irwin, and Alissa Voeller
Finance Council Members: Bruce Baumgart, Jana Gruber, Julie Johnson, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moulet, 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

Office Address: 1700 Missoula Ave. Helena, MT 59601

Phone: (406) 442-5268 | **Website:** www.stmaryhelena.org | **E-mail:** smcc@stmaryhelena.org

From Father Cody

Prayer part 2: Standardized Prayers

We have many forms of prayer within our tradition. Yet, the most widely known form of prayers are our standardized prayers like the Our Father and the Rosary. These prayers carry immense weight even though some people scoff at the idea of standardized prayers that you can memorize. The Our Father is the only prayer that Jesus gave us and told us to pray. This small prayer of only seven petitions encompasses everything we need to pray for. Pope Francis, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, encouraged us to slowly and carefully pray through this prayer so that we can dive deeper into its meaning. The Hail Mary, and in extension the Rosary, came much later as ways to incorporate the life of Christ into our daily lives without the need of extensive learning or education. The Hail Mary as a prayer contains several lines from Scripture followed by a petition requesting Mary's aid. The Rosary itself encourages the person to reflect on the most important aspects of Jesus' life and ministry as a way of growing closer to him.

What is the value of standardized prayers? As a person who comes to the bedside of those who are dying, I am always amazed how often people who are on the verge of death can still remember prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary. Having prayed these prayers so often throughout our lives, we still remember them when our memories and bodies fail. But that isn't the real value of these prayers. How often do you try to pray to God and just don't know what to say? Or maybe we are in a rough patch, some horrible things have happened, and words and ideas are just gone from our heads. What's left? The standardized prayers. These prayers help us to pray when our minds are shot, life is challenging, or we are at a loss for words. Because of these prayers, we can always find the words to pray and a way to connect with God. Another important aspect of these prayers is that they are not our words. We didn't choose the words, the language, or the structure. Instead, these prayers were given to us. Since they are not our words, in order to grasp and appreciate their meaning, we need to take time to reflect on them, to mull over the words, to ponder their themes, and to listen to God speak to us through these prayers. Jesus gave us the perfect prayer – The Our Father – how often do we take time to listen to this prayer?

The final aspect of standardized prayers is that they bring people together. When we pray the Our Father during the Mass, everyone knows it. When we get together with other Christian churches, we have one prayer in common. These prayers link us together, help us to pray together, and allow us the freedom to pray without having to teach new prayers.

Fr. Cody

Pope's Intentions for August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

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): 7/16/26 – 7/28/26 \$19,959.00

Monthly Income (June) \$54,648

Average Monthly Expenses (June) \$48,556



LET'S FINISH STRONG!



Goal	\$89,600.00
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Committed	\$44,854.92
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Collected	\$43,429.92
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48.64% of Goal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's Annual Catholic Appeal is off to a great start. We are a little over halfway through and close to our financial goal. But in this campaign, I am hoping for something different. I am asking everyone to join our mission to increase parishioner participation rates. Even if you can only give the cost of a fancy coffee, your effort to support the good works within our Diocese will bear much fruit. Please consider joining us in stewarding the Kingdom of God in our local Church.

Know of my continued prayers for you, and please pray for me!

In Christ, I am

+ Austin A. Vetter

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of the Diocese of Helena



SMCC Solar Energy

As of Thursday, July 30th at 9:00 am, SMCC solar panels have produced 221.95 MWh of energy worth \$25,523.91!

SMCC Food Share Donations

During the month of July, SMCC has donated 45 lbs of food to Helena Food Share!
Thank you for your generosity!



For the Security of Our Parish

The signs on the church have been removed, but the church doors will still be locked 10 minutes after all weekend Masses due to recent safety concerns, so get here early!

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 Cody Williams, 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.



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Catechists and Volunteers Needed for Religious Education Program

Is God calling you to something new? Do you have a desire to serve God and your church community? Do you want the children of our parish to know how much God loves them? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please consider how you might answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus by sharing your faith with our parish children.

We will provide training and support for you! Classes will begin in September 30th. We meet on Wednesdays from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm.

We need 2 first grade catechists this year.

Please contact Lori at the parish office (442-5268) if you are interested!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

"Let the children come to me"

Mt 19:14

We are in need of more leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leaders are scheduled on a rotating basis at the **9:00 am Mass only**. Detailed resources for preparation and reflection are provided. Do not worry if you have never taught before because this is a ministry of faith sharing rather than teaching!

We will train you and provide all of the materials and lessons you need. There needs to be 2 adults leading each session. Please consider and pray about helping in this important and fun ministry!!

Contact Lori at the Parish Office to join this ministry!

CYC Board

The Catholic Youth Coalition Board is a group of high school student leaders for the diocese of Helena. The CYC Board plans the junior high rally and the CYC Convention. The Board meets 5 times during the year to plan these events. Please take some time to pray and discern if you might be called to serve on the CYC Board. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and make lasting friendships with youth all over the diocese of Helena! Contact Dawn for more information!

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Avila



Liturgy and Music

The readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time speak of God's generosity and presence in our lives. The second reading from Romans always challenges me to remember just how deep the Lord's love is in our lives because "what will separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35). This is followed by the gospel where Jesus feeds 5,000 people out of his generosity.

I chose "Christ Has Promised To Be Present" as the offertory hymn for this weekend because it speaks of Jesus being present to us no matter the circumstances in our lives. Christ promised to be present to us when we gather in his name, proclaim his mercy, in our pain, failures, and joys. May the words of this hymn and your reflection on God's great generosity in the feeding of the 5,000, and in feeding our souls, bring you great joy and comfort these next couple of weeks. Nothing can separate us from his love.



Blessings,
Nicole Graefe





ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL (PREK-12)

Discover what makes St. Andrew a place where students flourish.

MEET OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 4 - 7PM - MAIN CAMPUS

We are excited to welcome Michael Wilson as our Head of School. Drawing on 15 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, Michael is dedicated to advancing Catholic classical education that forms students in faith, wisdom, virtue, and academic excellence and a vibrant school community. Meet Michael in person and hear about the vision for the future of the school.



MICHAEL WILSON

- OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 19 - 4:30-6:30PM AT BOTH CAMPUSES

- **PREK-5 AT MAIN CAMPUS - 1900 FLOWEREE ST.**
- **6TH-12TH AT WARREN CAMPUS - NEXT TO CATHEDRAL**
- **BBQ FOR EVERYONE AT MAIN CAMPUS AT 6:30PM** -



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Parish Picnic Planning Committee

The Parish Picnic will be on Saturday, August 29th following the 4:00 PM Mass and we need your help coordinating!

There will be an updated planning meeting in the Pastoral Office at 1:00 pm on Monday, August 10th.

All are welcome!



You are Invited!

Saint Mary Catholic Community
Parish Picnic

August 29

5:00 PM



Parish Picnic Sign Ups

We need your help with the following: set-up (tents, tables, chairs, etc.), clean-up, games, food (such as salads, sandwiches, desserts), and cakes for the cakewalk. Sign up [HERE](#) or on the kiosk in the Gathering Space! The Parish Planning Committee will be in touch regarding arrival time, where and when to drop off items, etc. Thank you!



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!



Prayer in Motion

There will be no Prayer in Motion class on July 31st, August 7th, or August 14th.

We will resume on Wednesday, August 19th.



St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Diversity and the “Other”

There is much mention of the word “diversity” in the world today.

We hear of funds being withdrawn from research, agricultural grants, workplace training and various programs being halted.

What do we, individually, think about diversity? We are, in Montana, certainly not exposed to as much diversity as we would be living in a large city such as Chicago. **How comfortable are we when our own culture and values rub up against different cultures and norms?** If we hear people speaking another language, do we “tune out” not only their words but also their humanity? Do we dismiss people with different political values or shy away from people of a different religion (or even a different Catholic parish?)

The fact is - diversity is a necessity of life. Scientists tell us that ecologically, the planet could not survive without the amazing array of diverse life in which our planet is drenched. Fr. Thomas Keating had this to say about diversity: “God’s diversity is manifested in the multitude of reactions of human beings. This diversity is not meant to lead to wars, as it has in human history, but to the enrichment of perceiving God from the infinite number of perspectives that human beings can perceive.” *

Pope Francis praised diversity as a gift from God: “Unity is not uniformity and the diversity of our cultural and religious identities is a gift from God.” **

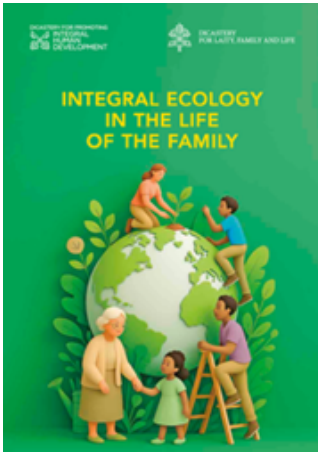
Are we not asked to open our hearts, lay aside our judgments and welcome diversity as Jesus would?

Can we pray to see the Christ in the “Other?”

* Contemplative Outreach News, Dec. 2022. **Pope Francis address to youth at the Mediterranean Encounters Conference, Sept. 17, 2024



SMCC Care for Creation Ministry



Laudato Si’- On Care for our Common Home *Theme 3 – Adopt and Promote Ecological Economics*

Let Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family become a tool for you, your family and your community as you **transform your beliefs into positive actions.**

Over the coming weeks we will highlight each of Laudato Si’s seven themes providing questions for reflection/discussion and ideas for concrete actions.

“To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits.” (FT17). “What is needed is an “**economic ecology**” (LS41) that takes into account the **protection of the environment** and the way natural resources are used preserved and shared. **Economic activity must contribute to the common good...**Consequently, actions performed out of generosity and love are also needed, because **they reflect the initial gift of love from the Creator**, the God who loved us first.” (Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family)

Actions could include “sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies, and prioritizing care for labor and protecting the dignity of workers.” <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org>

Awareness – Do we see our activity as linked only to our own future or also to the future of others?

“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

Farewell Reception

Saint Mary Catholic Community is losing a beloved staff member.

Dawn Brannman is moving to Kansas to work as the Executive Director of Communal Life for the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Her last day is August 15th. There will be a farewell party for Dawn on August 9th after the 9:00 am Mass.

We would like to honor Dawn with a gift. If you would like to donate for a gift, please leave money or a check with Danita at the Parish Office.

She will definitely be missed. Please join us in wishing her many blessings on her new journey!



Ministry Fair

Join us September 12th and 13th for our upcoming Ministry Fair following the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses!



Thank You!

Thank you to the people of Saint Mary Catholic Community! Thank you to all who helped prepare my farewell reception and for all of your generous gifts and donations; I am very humbled by and appreciative of the kindness of the parish. Thank you for all of your well wishes! I have had a wonderful time working with this community and I will always cherish my time with this parish. This community has always been welcoming and hospitable towards me and I am very grateful for this experience. I learned so much in my time at Saint Mary's and I am very thankful to have been able to grow and deepen my faith during my time here. I will keep Saint Mary Catholic Community in my prayers and I hope to visit when I am back in town! Thank you all so much!!!

Blessings,
Keaton



Family Promise Thank You

Saint Mary Catholic Community hosted families of the Family Promise Program at First Christian Church during the week of July 19-26.

We are grateful to the volunteers that helped us host these families. We appreciate the overnight hosts, food shoppers, and all who support the families in prayer as they work towards sustainable independence.

There is also a dedicated group from our parish that are providing meals for these families and other families in need on a regular basis.

Thank you for giving yourselves for others.

SMCC Family Promise Coordinators



Welcome

Saint Mary Catholic Community would like to welcome four new families to our parish:
Jolene Goodtrack, Dale and Rhonda Field, Nathaniel Doney, and Randall Dye.



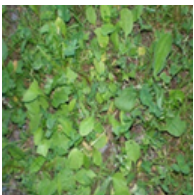
Are you just thinking...



I love gardens, I wish someone would ask me to help weed! Or deadhead, thin plants, maintain perennials.



If this is what you are thinking...the Jubilee Garden could use your help.



Please leave a message at the office and you WILL BE contacted.



A Love Letter that Lasts

Join us this National Make-A-Will Month to protect your loved ones and make a lasting mark on the parishes and ministries close to your heart.

Make your free will
www.freewill.com/fdoh

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for the Diocese of Helena

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil

There will be a vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 14th at 5:30 pm at Saint Mary Catholic Community. *This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.*



Our Lady of the Valley Faith in the Field

Our Lady of the Valley's Parish Picnic will be August 23rd at 12:15 pm!
It will be held at 7330 N Montana (not at the church). Come share a meal and a vision for serving the valley!



Buy A Basket to Fill A Basket

Saint Mary's Annual Basket Auction will be October 3rd-10th!
Proceeds go to the purchase of food to fill 250-300 boxes to give to those less fortunate at Thanksgiving in conjunction with Helena Food Share.
If you would like to make a monetary donation or donate an item, please drop it off at the Parish Office.



Here are some tips for elderly people to stay safe in the heat:

Stay hydrated

Drink water regularly, even before you feel thirsty, especially if you're outside or exercising. Older adults should drink 1.7–2.0 liters of fluids per day.

Dress appropriately

Wear loose-fitting clothing and a hat to protect your face, neck, scalp, and ears.

Use sunscreen

Apply sunscreen with a high SPF regularly, as the elderly's skin can burn more easily.

Minimize heat sources

Avoid using the oven or stove to cook, and use blinds or curtains to block the sun.

Stay cool

Take a shower, eat light, cold meals, or have cooling snacks like frozen peas or popsicles. You can also try staying with a friend or family member who has air conditioning, or take an "air conditioning break" at a library or restaurant. Rest, don't overwork yourself, and make sure you have someone check up on you.



Pastoral Council members!

What is the Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is a consultative, representative body of the parish who helps the Pastor in making decisions for the parish. The council is meant to represent the parish in its various aspects. As a consultative body, the pastoral council provides advice to the pastor on issues regarding parish life, events, challenges, and more. Ultimately, the Pastor makes the final decision. The Pastoral Council is a confidential council.

This confidentiality allows the pastor to hear ideas and take time to make a decision without the concern of information being spread too soon.

Selecting members for the council: I am inaugurating a new system for choosing members so that the council represents the parish. From now until mid August, I will be taking nominations for new council members. Anyone can be nominated. Nominees are not guaranteed to be on the council neither are nominations votes. Once the nomination process is complete, each nominee will be called and asked whether he/she would like to accept their nomination. From those who accept their nomination, they will choose amongst themselves who will fill the vacant spots on the council. Those who have already expressed interest through the sign-up sheet will be automatically entered as nominees. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Fr. Cody.





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**Oct. 23-25, 2026
in Missoula, MT**

Visit: wwme.org or call: John & Brenda at 406-591-5061

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.

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>

BLESSING BOX

Thank you for your continued generosity in keeping our Blessing Box going. We have heard many positive comments about how important the Box is for people in need.

Now that summer is in full swing, we are in need of small bottles of water, sunscreen, and bug spray. Also, we still need food items that can be eaten without utensils: granola bars, trail mix, individual bags of chips or cookies, etc.

Donations may be placed in the Basket in the Gathering Space labeled “Blessing Box”. Saint Mary’s is a generous, giving community.

Blessings to you all!

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.

**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.

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)

Prayers for the Deceased
Lawrence Schneider

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
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-Please Continue to pray for our Seminarians-

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