

Saint Mary Catholic Community



August 16th, 2026 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you
wish."
And the woman's daughter was
healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:28

August 23rd, 2026 The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The greatest among you must be
your servant.
Whoever exalts himself will be
humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will
be exalted.”

Matthew 23:12

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 21st at Cooney, August 28th at Helena Pointe

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, August 16th—The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

9:00 AM Mass— for Jim Christnacht
rb: Joann Christnacht

Monday, August 17th—No Mass
Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18th
Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
12:10 PM Mass— for Dirk Andersen
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner
3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, August 19th—No Mass
Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20th
Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
12:10 PM Mass— for Peter McGee
rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

Friday, August 21st
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
10:30 AM Mass at Cooney for the intentions of
the people at Cooney

Saturday, August 22nd
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for Don MacIntyre
rb: Rich and Marianne Clark

Sunday, August 23rd— The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

9:00 AM Mass— for Mary Nichols
rb: The Nichols Family

Monday, August 24th—No Mass
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25th
Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
12:10 PM Mass— for John Ball
rb: Bryan and Laurie Fox
3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, August 26th—No Mass
Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27th
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
12:10 PM Mass— for Don MacIntyre
rb: Keith and Katie Meyer

Friday, August 28th
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
10:30 AM Mass at Helena Pointe for the intentions of
the people at Helena Pointe

Saturday, August 29th
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Fr. Chris Lebsock
rb: Helena Catholic Journey

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sunday August 16th:** 9:00 am Mass
- **Monday August 17th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- **Tuesday August 18th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- **Wednesday August 19th:** No Mass; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion
- **Thursday August 20th:** 12:10 pm am Mass
- **Friday August 21st:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension; **Office Closed**
- **Saturday August 22nd:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- **Sunday August 23rd:** 9:00 am Father Cody's Installation Mass with Bishop Vetter, Reception to Follow
- **Monday August 24th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group
- **Tuesday August 25th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- **Wednesday August 26th:** No Mass; 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion
- **Thursday August 27th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- **Friday August 28th:** 11:00 am Mass at Helena Point; **Office Closed**
- **Saturday August 29th:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass, Parish Picnic following Mass

Parish Staff at your service

Father Cody Williams

Phone ext. 106 ~ email: frwilliams@stmaryhelena.org

Deacon Michael Seipp

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Faith Formation Director/Youth Minister: Vacant
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Pastoral Care Director: Vacant

Lori Mleko ~ Elementary RE Coordinator
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Danita Murray ~ Parish Bookkeeper
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Nicole Graefe ~ Director of Music and Liturgy
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Brandon Bloom ~ Maintenance Director
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Communications Coordinator: Vacant
Phone ext. 101

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: closed until further notice

Office Address: 1700 Missoula Ave. Helena, MT 59601

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

Prayer Part 3: The Our Father

The most common prayer that we pray is the Our Father. Yet, how often do we take time to listen to the various stanzas of the prayer and understand their meaning? St. Thomas Aquinas called this prayer the most perfect prayer and that everything we need to pray for is contained in this prayer. Pope Francis during the Jubilee Year of Hope asked everyone to prayerfully pray the Our Father. So, let us also take some time to explore this prayer and understand how it teaches us to pray.

The first words of the prayer already set a tone: Our Father. We cannot dismiss the power of these words. They are the direction of the prayer, its address. They tell us about ourselves. They set up a relationship. We do not pray this prayer individually nor is it our own personal prayer. When we pray the Our Father, we are praying with the community in union with Jesus. We are collectively asking for the basic needs of all the people of the world. We are uniting ourselves as a group of people to Jesus who offers this prayer to the Father. Jesus gave us this one prayer so that all his followers could pray together, as one, with him to the Father. Hence, “our” father.

The word “father” is a beautiful, familial way to talk about God. If the prayer began “our God,” it would set a totally different tone. God is a concept beyond us, a power we should hold in fear, a force not to be reckoned with. The formal title of “God” moves us away from relationship and into a formality. Jesus doesn’t use that title to describe God. God is father. A relationship we can understand. A relationship that nurtures and punishes, supports and encourages, comforts and challenges. Although many people struggle with their relationships with their fathers, this prayer is an invitation into a relationship with a god who wants us, chose us, adopted us, and desires us. These opening two words set a tone for the prayer as one of building a relationship with God.

The opening two words now becomes a context for our own prayers. We cannot just begin talking and we don’t do this with other people. We have formal ways of greeting one another: “hi, how are you?” “How’s it going?” “Good to see you.” The same applies to prayer and God. We should always begin our prayers by addressing God, naming him, recognizing that we are in relationship with him, and treating him with the same respect we would other people. These opening words help us to reflect on the mystery of God and to remind ourselves who we are praying to. In our own prayers we can do the same in many different ways: O Jesus, God, Almighty Fathers, Lord, Holy Spirit, and many more.

I encourage you to take some time with this prayer to explore different ways of addressing God. How does God want to reveal himself to us? What does it mean that we have a God who wants us to call him Father? How does this prayer help us to understand our relationship with God and praying to him.

Fr. Cody Williams

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.

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): 7/29/26 – 8/12/26 \$30,693.00

Monthly Income (July) \$55,427

Average Monthly Expenses (July) \$64,685

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support. As a parish, we collected \$1,030 for the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church and relief to people in need.



LET'S FINISH STRONG!

Goal	\$89,600.00
Committed	\$44,854.92
Collected	\$43,554.92

48.78% 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

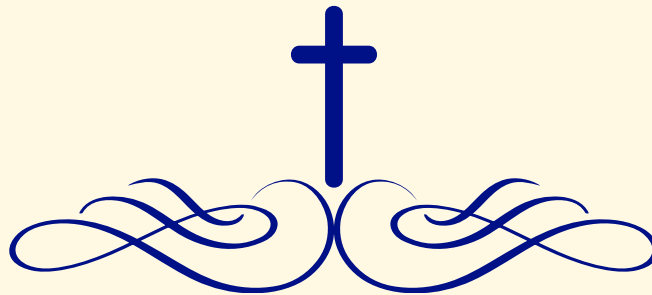


SMCC Solar Energy

As of Thursday, August 13th at 9:00 am, SMCC solar panels have produced **224.12 MWh of energy worth \$25,774.34!**

SMCC Food Share Donations

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



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 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

A Heart Full of Thanks

What a blessing this community has been to me for the past 10 years. You have walked with me through some of my greatest joys and deepest sorrows. You fed me and drove me around when I had both a broken ankle and a broken foot; you prayed for me, said yes whenever I asked for help, and consistently showed me such love and kindness. I am carrying you with me into this new adventure that God is leading me toward.

I cannot thank you enough for the cards, gifts, hugs, parties, food, and love you have shared with me these past couple of weeks. There truly are no words to convey how much everything has meant. I have been completely overwhelmed by your generosity.

I have learned so much from all of you. I love the song In This Place, and I was so grateful that it was the opening song this past Sunday. I had mentioned to a few people that I hoped to hear our community sing it one more time – and then we did. This song reminds me so much of who we are: “gathered as people who are living the Word,” always striving for “our hands to become Christ’s hands.” Jesus is truly present in this community in both powerful and tangible ways. I will miss you all more than I can express.

Please know that I will be back. My family is still here, and I will visit as often as possible. If you would like to stay in touch, my email is dbrannman@gmail.com. Know that I will continue to keep you in my prayers. May God bless each of you and Saint Mary Catholic Community abundantly.

With much love and prayers,

Dawn

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 question, 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 to 5pm. **We need catechists for 1st and 2nd Grade.**

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

Youth Group Discussion with Fr. Cody

With Dawn taking another job and your new pastor wanting to lead the youth groups, I would like to talk with you all about the possibility of combining the middle and high school group with OLV only for the Wednesday night youth groups this year. I set up a meeting for anyone who would like to discuss this on Thursday, August 27th at 7pm .

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Thank You!

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF OUR HELPERS FOR VBS THIS YEAR!
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITH ALL OF YOU!**

ADULT HELPERS

MARIA FOOT, DAWN BRANNMAN, ALISSA VOELLER, LOIS MENZIES KATIE MEYER, NANCY ROBINSON, SANDY ASHLEY, PHYLLIS DORRINGTON, ERIKA FOOT

BIBLE ROOM HELPERS

GLENDA SEIPP, KIM EGELAND, SANDI ASHLEY, ERIKA FOOT AND MARIE TOBIN

SNACKS

JAN STETZER, DEB LARSON AND JAN BUYSKE

CREW LEADERS

MADELYN CLONINGER, JAXSON LOCKETT, KATELYN LOCKETT, PARKER RUSSELL, ADDI RUSSELL, JADE FELDMAN, EMMA ELIAS, BECKETT HANDY, CHARLIE SEMMENS, BROOKLYN ZUELKE

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

Thank you to all who helped make Dawn Brannman's going away party such a huge success! The breakfast casseroles, fruit, breads and rolls were all delicious and made a wonderful spread. The prayers were especially touching and Dawn certainly felt the love. Thank you to Glenda Seipp, Deb Kralicek, Jan Buyske, Meghan Schulte, Julie Johnson, Mary Munger, Allison Sever, Janel Krezowski, Viki Garman, Marie Tobin, Vicki Edgar, Danita Murray, Kristi Irwin, Anna Miller, Deb Larson, Monica Edgar, Karen Miller, Mary Buswell, Doug Kralicek, Jeff Tobin, Marc Buyske and Deacon Michael Seipp for your part in a great party! She will be missed!

SFPTJ Sheriff Dutton Talk

*St Francis Pease Through Justice Ministry Invites
You to a Panel Discussion*

How to Keep From Being Scammed

6:30 Monday September 14 in the Social Center

Many of our friends and neighbors have been victimized by scam artists seeking money through bogus texts and emails. Hear testimony from people who have been scammed and learn how to identify these scams before you become a victim. Sheriff Leo Dutton will also speak about local, state, and national efforts to combat these scams.

Don't become a victim! Learn how to protect yourself.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be Saturday, August 29th
following the 4:00pm mass.

5pm – Food

5-6pm – Games

6-6:30pm – Cake walk

6:30pm – Bingo starts

7:30pm - Clean up

Please bring your food item to the Social Center
on Saturday any time after 3:30pm. Bring your
own water bottles. If not, water and soda will be
provided.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

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! 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!



Ministry Fair

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



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.



Altar Servers!

If you are an altar server or would like to become one, Fr. Cody will hold a training for altar servers on Sunday, September 20th at 3 pm. If you are not able to make it to the training and want to be an altar server, please contact Fr. Cody at frwilliams@stmaryhelen.org. This is open to all youth who have at least received 1st Communion.



WE ARE HIRING!

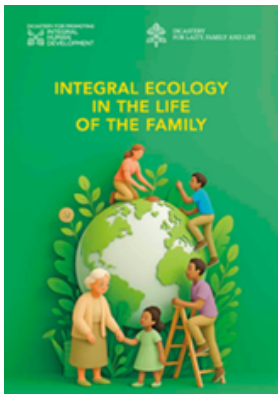
The Director of Faith Formation and Pastoral Care

This position focuses on the care of the members of the parish. The role of the Director of Faith Formation is to help form the youth and adults of this parish in the faith. This includes youth ministry, middle and high school youth groups, adult formation, OCIA, and working with the already established adult formation groups. The role of the Director of Pastoral Care is to meet with those in need, connect with parishioners who need support, work with established groups of pastoral care, and to be a communicative link between the various parts of pastoral care in our parish. This is a full-time benefits eligible position with an annual salary of \$55,000-65,000. The requirements for this job are a high school diploma or equivalent, some experience in youth ministry or pastoral care, and a practicing Catholic. For more information see the job description on our website or contact Fr. Cody at frwilliams@stmaryhelena.org.

Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

This position focuses on two elements of parish management including reception work, office upkeep, communication, and volunteer coordination. The role of the Office Manager is to be a welcoming presence to those who come into the office, relay communications, bulletin, website, communications programs, and maintenance of the office. The role of the volunteer coordinator is to work with the various parish groups to help members of the parish to find a place to volunteer, help with the communication between groups of the parish, the staff, and the pastor, and help with support of volunteers. This is a full-time benefits eligible position with a 40-hour per week and a wage of \$27-33 per hour. The requirements for this job are a high school diploma or equivalent, basic skills in technology, some experience with office management, and good people skills. For more information see the job description on our website or contact Fr. Cody at frwilliams@stmaryhelena.org

SMCC Care for Creation Ministry



Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home

Theme 4 – Adopt Ecological Lifestyles (A Simple Way of Life)

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.

A simple way of life - "Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (Laudato Si 222)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion –

- What would we like to change in our lifestyle for the benefit of the earth and our community?
- As a family, do we discuss the **difference between “wants” and “needs”**?
- Advertisements present so much that is appealing and attractive, and show people “looking happy”. Can we assess and discuss what happiness means to us as a family?
- How can we **be more grateful** to one another and towards creation?

Proposed Actions –

- Foster a family culture of giving without expectation of receiving in return. Take a moment to reflect on the **goodness of giving**.
- Speak about how to **live in a good relationship with the earth**. Make a plan and make a promise to cooperate with each other.
- Resist advertising that equates happiness with consumption and avoid unnecessary purchases. Focus instead on **what creates real happiness**: loving relationships, inner peace, caring for others, and responding to God's desire for each and for all in his creation.
- In the era of consumerism and a throwaway culture, it is a meaningful and inspiring experience **to repair something**.

“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

Buy A Basket to Fill A Basket

Saint Mary's Annual Basket Auction will be October 3-10!

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.



Thanksgiving Boxes

We are collecting non-perishable food items to fill our Thanksgiving Food Boxes in November. These donations will be combined with staple items (such as canned vegetables, canned fruit, flour, and sugar) purchased through proceeds from our annual Basket Auction. Suggested donations include:

Soup

Olives

Canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix

Jell-O

Muffin mix

Tuna

Pasta and spaghetti sauce

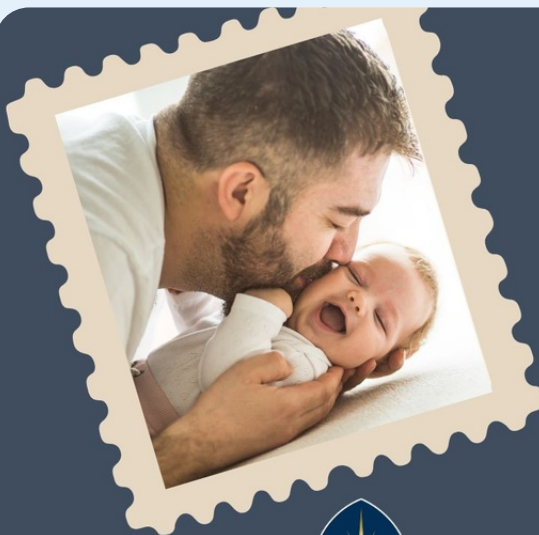
Cake mixes and canned frosting *Boxed meal kits*

Please place your food items in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your kindness and support!



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!



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.

FREEWILL



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena

Make your free will
www.freewill.com/fdoh

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 mall.

Rest Don't overwork yourself, and make sure you have someone check up on you.



Prayer in Motion

Prayer in Motion continues on Wednesdays 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!

Office Closed Labor Day

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

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!



restore
communication

rekindle
romance

renew
commitment

**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

Richard Clark

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

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