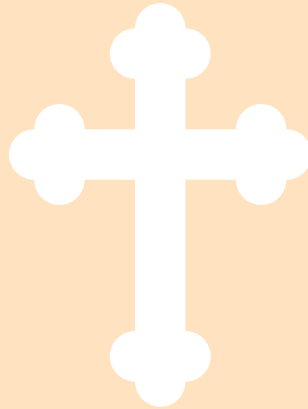


Saint Mary Catholic Community



**September 13, 2026
The Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

“I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:34

**September 20th, 2026
The Twenty-fifth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

“Are you envious because I am
generous?”
Thus, the last will be first, and the
first will be last.”

Matthew 20:15

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: September 18th at Cooney, October 2nd at Mount Ascension

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

Scan the QR code below to register as a parishioner



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, September 13th—The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

9:00 AM Mass— for Kate and Tom Neary†
rb: Rita Costello

Monday, September 14th—No Mass
Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15th
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31; John 19:25-27

11:00 AM Mass— for Mary Hudek†

rb: Sandi and Dave Ashley

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, September 16th—No Mass
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17th
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of

Bryan and Carol Donahue

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Friday, September 18th
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
10:30 AM Mass at Cooney for the intentions of
the people at Cooney

Saturday, September 19th
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Tom and Maggie Corbett
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Sunday, September 20th— The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

9:00 AM Mass— for the intentions of
Pat and Colleen McCutchoen
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Monday, September 21st—No Mass
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22nd—No Mass or Confessions
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23rd—No Mass
Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24th—No Mass
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25th—No Mass
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26th
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43-45
2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Vigil— for Denise Yonker†
rb: Patricia Wall

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

Upcoming Events!

- **Sunday September 13th:** Ministry Fair following 9:00 am Mass
- **Monday September 14th:** 9:30 am Prayer Group; 6:00 PM Sheriff Dutton Talk
- **Tuesday September 15th: 11:00 am Mass;** 12:30 Carroll College presidential inauguration; 2:00 pm Book Club
- **Wednesday September 16th:** 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion
- **Thursday September 17th:** 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Quilters
- **Friday September 18th:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney
- **Saturday September 19th:** 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Good Sam's Service Day
- **Sunday September 20th:** 9:00 am Mass Blessing of the Catechists
- **Monday September 21st:** 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group
- **Tuesday September 22nd:** No Mass or confessions
- **Wednesday August 23rd:** 12:00 pm Prayer in Motion
- **Thursday August 24th:** No Mass
- **Friday September 25th:** No Mass
- **Saturday September 26th:** 4:00 pm Mass Harvest Potluck after

Parish Staff at your service

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Friday: closed until further notice

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Prayer part 5

The Our Father

The last 5 petitions

The Our Father contains 7 petitions or requests of God: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, give us daily bread, forgive us, forgive others, lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil. St. Thomas Aquinas said that these 7 petitions contain everything we need for life and especially for our lives with God. In the previous section I covered the first 2 petitions. This section will cover the last 5.

The next petition emphasizes one of our basic needs: food. Yet, let's look closer at the request. Most people assume that this request is for the food we need each day, hence "daily bread." The word in Greek, however, is quite complex and has uncertain origins. The word can be translated as either the "bread we need this day," "the bread that gives us sustenance each day," "a special bread called daily bread," or "a special kind of bread that provides eternal sustenance." Since we are uncertain about the meaning of the word, we can apply all of these to its meaning. We are asking for a special kind of bread that provides for our daily sustenance and will keep us going throughout our lives. We are asking for God to give us the special food that sustains us.

The next two are a need everyone shares but are often too ashamed to admit: forgiveness. These two petitions paired together paint a rather unsettling picture of God. We first ask God to forgive us. Why not? We all need forgiveness and want to experience God's mercy and so we ask for it. But it comes with a condition. Our willingness to forgive others is directly related to the amount that we allow ourselves to experience forgiveness. This is not what we expected. But it reminds us of something very important. We are not only praying to be forgiven but also to forgive others. It is a grace to forgive others and let go of the hurt. It is also a grace to be forgiven by God and be able to let go of our pain.

The final two petitions direct our attention to the future and especially the end of our lives. The first sounds strange: lead us not into temptation. It sounds like God is tempting us to sin and we are asking him not to tempt us. The proper way to understand this petition is that through life we go through many trials to prove our love for God and our desire for him. We are asking that we can simply love him without those trials and not endure those things that might take us away from God. The final line is easy: deliver us from evil. Keep evil away from us. I think we need to focus more on this line. We are asking that evil not take a prominent place in our lives and that we be kept in the graces of God. This line is very profound and helpful.

Now that I have finished this short intro to the Our Father, imagine if we took time to explore each of these lines and apply them to our lives. Imagine the depth of meaning this prayer would have for us. The Our Father is the perfect prayer and contains everything we need from addressing God to what we need to ask for.

Fr. Cody

Pope's Intentions for September 2026

For the care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Coming soon!

The Gospel Procession

Throughout the Mass we have several processions which mark pivotal moments or show our connection to the event. For instance, the most obvious procession, is when the priest, servers, cross bearer, and Gospel book are brought in during the Mass. These processions are important moments that showcase something of great value for the Mass. One of the processions is the Gospel procession. At the moment just before the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest or deacon takes the Book of the Gospels from the altar and processes with it to the ambo, the place where the readings are proclaimed. Why do we do this? The Gospel is the highest point of the Liturgy of the Word. The proclamation of the Gospel is of such great importance that we stand to be attentive while listening to Jesus' words. The Gospel is the completion of the Old and New Testaments and one of the center points of our faith. With such importance placed on the proclamation of the Gospel, we also show great reverence in the procession.

The procession should contain a few basic elements. First, at the beginning of the Mass, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar. This signals for us that the event we celebrate on the altar, the sacrifice of Jesus or the Eucharistic Prayer, is connected with the proclamation of the Gospel. The ritual is made clear in the readings. Second, the Gospel is then moved from the altar to the ambo to connect the Gospel to the other readings. Third, the procession should contain the following key pieces. The priest or deacon holds the Gospel book for all to see. Servers carry candles to draw our attention to the event and to show the proclamation of the Gospel is the light of Christ. We could also have incense that leads the procession to show the veiling of the mystery of God's word and the sweet scent draws our attention to this important event. Starting at the end of September, I am going to train our altar servers to carry candles in order to emphasize this procession and make clear that we are in a procession with the Gospel.

Fr. Cody

New Mass schedule starting the week of September 28th

Mondays: Mass at 12:10 pm

Tuesdays: No Mass

Thursdays: Mass at Saint Mary's on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays at 12:10 pm

Masses at the nursing homes on the 3-5th Thursdays. See the upcoming schedule of nursing home Masses.

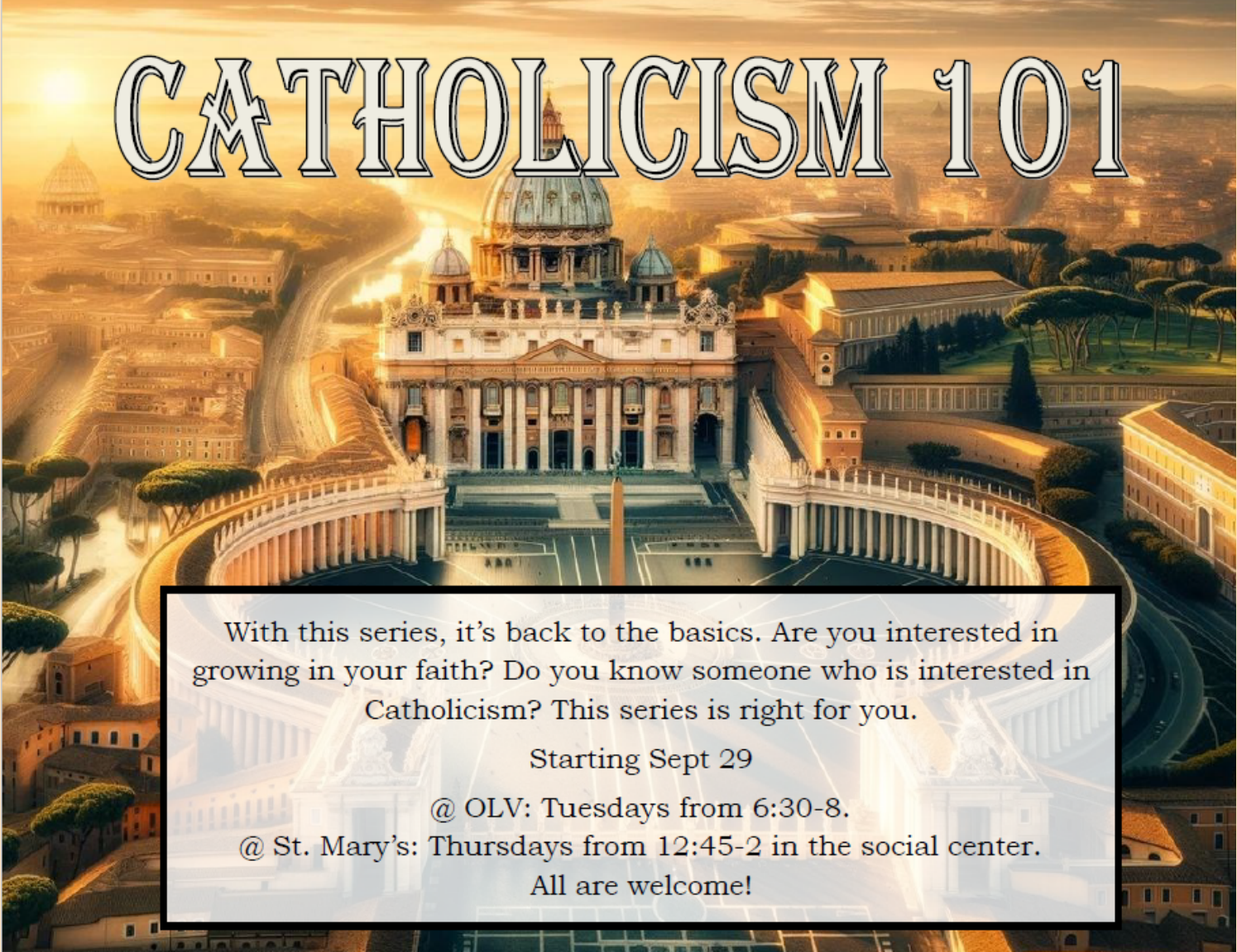
Confessions from 3:30-5 pm

Welcome to our parish team!

I have recently hired two new members to our staff. I will introduce them during our weekend Masses so that you can all meet them soon.

Our new Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator is Allison Sever. She has been in our parish for many years and has been very active in many ministries and services. She comes with a background in office management and a strong familiarity with our parish.

Our new Director of Faith Formation and Pastoral Care is Mary O'Donnell. She recently worked at St. Andrew's School in Helena as a teacher and has quite an extensive background in education and youth ministry. Mary is currently working on her master's degree from Notre Dame.



CATHOLICISM 101

With this series, it's back to the basics. Are you interested in growing in your faith? Do you know someone who is interested in Catholicism? This series is right for you.

Starting Sept 29

@ OLV: Tuesdays from 6:30-8.

@ St. Mary's: Thursdays from 12:45-2 in the social center.

All are welcome!



As praying stewards,

Many of our parish ministries have started back up for Fall. We look forward to the resuming of RE, First Reconciliation, Youth Group and Confirmation classes to begin soon, as well as the Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 1:00 pm.

As ministering stewards,

We invite you to minister to our larger Helena community on September 19th at our Parish Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries. We also invite you to join us for the Harvest Potluck on Saturday, September 26th at 5:00 pm. Our Grief Support Group will resume September 21st. Watch our bulletin for continued information on this supportive ministry.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:

Total Donations (Two Weeks): 8/27/26 – 9/9/26 \$18,879.02

Monthly Income (August) \$55,355

Average Monthly Expenses (August) \$51,217



Goal	\$89,600.00
Committed	\$45,129.92
Collected	\$45,354.92

50.79% of Goal

SMCC Solar Energy

As of Thursday, September 10th at 2:00 pm, SMCC solar panels have produced **227.52 MWh of energy worth \$26,164.32!**

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.



St. Peter's Health



Parish Picnic Thank You



A heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make our Parish Picnic happen and all who attended!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up tables, chairs and awnings, brought delicious salads, desserts, drinks, cakes for the Cake Walk, game helpers and finally our kitchen helpers/clean-up crew! A Special thank you to Doug Kralicek, Dean Egeland, Tim Kelly, Bruce Baumgart, and Jim Kammerer for making us tasty burgers and hot dogs.

Without you, the parish picnic would not have been a success and fun! We are blessed to have such an amazing, active parish community.



Religious Education Opportunities

Catechists 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.

Please contact Lori at the parish office (406-442-5268) if you are interested!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Elementary Religious Education
Youth Ministry
and
Sacramental Preparation



Youth Ministry Updates

Attention High Schoolers, Middle Schoolers, parents, and parishioners!

In my desire to teach our youth, I have joined Our Lady of the Valley and St. Mary's youth groups. Youth Group on Wednesday nights will start with dinner at 6:30 pm and youth group from 7-8:30 pm. I need your help. I would like to make this a collaboration between both parishes. If you are willing to help with providing dinner, snacks, or to help lead the group, please contact Fr. Cody.

frwilliams@stmaryhelena.org



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Junior High Rally 2026

A day of faith and fun for young people in grades 6-8 hosted by the CYC Board. The day will move between prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy, and more.

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Where: Missoula (St. Joe's) Cost: \$60

Who: Grades 6-8

(Financial aid Available)



diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

Youth Group Starting

Mark your calendars! Middle and High School Youth Group will kick off Wednesday, September 23rd at Our Lady of the Valley. Dinner and games will begin at 6:30pm. Youth Group will start at 7pm.

Schedule for youth nights on Wednesday starting September 23rd:

Optional: Confessions at 4:30 and Mass at 6
Youth Group: Dinner at 6:30 and youth group from 7-8:30.

Ministry Fair

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

Good Sam's Service Day

Join us on Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm for a parish communal service day at Good Samaritan Ministries! **Children are welcome!**

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 in the church. If you are not able to make it to the training and want to be an altar server, please contact Fr. Cody at frwilliams@stmaryhelena.org. This is open to all youth who have received 1st Communion.

Grief Support Group: COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Beginning Monday September 21, 2026 1:00 pm Saint Mary Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave.

A grief support group is a SAFE place to meet with others, COMPANIONS who are grieving. It is a place to SHARE YOUR STORY, your TEARS, and your HOPES. Whether your loss is recent, months or years you may benefit from the support and sacred time with others on the same journey. ALL ARE WELCOME who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There are times after a death when we need someone to talk to...we need to know we are not alone, others share our pain, our questions our concerns.

"We need others to root for us." - Sheineelee Jones

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, MSW

Call Saint Mary's parish office 406-442-5268 and register, or Helen Beausoleil 406-459-0948.

"The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn."

Fall Cleanup at Resurrection Cemetery

Fall Cleanup Begins: October 5, 2026

We kindly ask that all grave decorations be removed from graves before October 5, 2026. Any decorations remaining after this date may be removed by cemetery staff as part of the cleanup process.

This annual cleanup allows our staff the time and space needed to properly care for the cemetery grounds, remove leaves and debris, trim and maintain the grounds, and prepare the cemetery for the coming winter months. Our goal is to keep Resurrection Cemetery a beautiful, peaceful, and dignified place for families to visit and remember their loved ones.

 Redecorating May Begin: October 30, 2026

We understand that the decorations placed at a loved one's grave are meaningful and are an important way to honor and remember those we have lost. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain the cemetery while allowing our staff to complete this important seasonal work.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support of Resurrection Cemetery. Most importantly, thank you for helping us preserve the beauty, peace, and dignity of this special place where so many loved ones rest.

The Presidential Inauguration of Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D. the twentieth president of Carroll College



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Cultivating the Future.*



**Tuesday, September 15, 2026
in the Carroll College PE Center**

Bishop Austin A. Vetter and the whole Carroll College community are pleased to invite you to join us for the inauguration of Carroll College's 20th President, Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D., on Tuesday, September 15 at 12:30 pm in the Carroll College PE Center. The inauguration events are open to the public, we simply ask that you RSVP in advance.

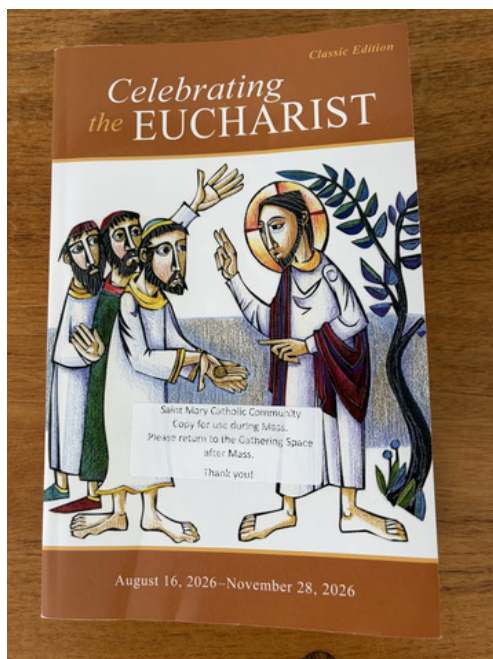
To RSVP, see the full list of activities happening during Inauguration week, and for FAQs, please visit the inauguration webpage at: <https://bit.ly/carrollinauguration>

Blessing of the Animals

Join us Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 PM for the Blessing of the Animals in the lower parking lot!

Celebrating the Eucharist

The parish office is about to renew our book orders for the new liturgical season and would love your feedback! If you enjoy using the *Celebrating the Eucharist* books, please send an email to the parish office and let us know! email: smcc@stmaryhelena.org



Buy A Basket to Fill A Basket

Saint Mary's Annual Basket Auction will be October 3-11!

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 donate new or gently used items that may be used in putting an auction item together, you are welcome to drop items at the parish office with your name on it. We are also accepting gift cards to add to baskets.

Deadline for donations is **September 24th**. If you need to have items picked up, please contact 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!

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!





St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry Thoughts and Prayers For the School Year

The new school year is upon us! It brings the excitement of getting new school supplies, the anticipation of seeing friends missed over the summer, new teachers, a new start!



Prayers abound for a “good school year.” They encompass academic gains, healthy relationships, safety and a bit of fun thrown in. We want the kids in our families, our communities and our nation to learn, to be challenged, to thrive and to be emotionally nurtured.

However, those prayers are often sanitized, leaving out the nitty gritty and hard reality of school life in the United States.

Here are some suggestions we might incorporate into our well-meaning, more general prayers.

Let us pray that:

- ✞ there be no school shootings this year – or ever.
- ✞ God will guide leaders to find solutions to end gun violence.
- ✞ students are safe traveling to and from school.
- ✞ young drivers be smart, safe, vigilant and responsible.
- ✞ technology and AI be used appropriately and wisely.
- ✞ students with difficult home lives find support and good role models.
- ✞ students in need receive supplies, necessities as well as amenities.
- ✞ all students, not only high achievers, are affirmed and experience success.
- ✞ individuals inclined to violence abandon the ideas and get help.
- ✞ students inclined to bullying choose to refrain and to reframe their actions.
- ✞ harassment, whether sexual, racial, ethnic or gender related decrease.
- ✞ those tempted to self-harm and suicide refrain and receive help.
- ✞ all receive the support and help needed to maintain good mental health.
- ✞ availability and use of drugs and alcohol by students decrease.
- ✞ communities strive to provide safe, functional and pleasant facilities.
- ✞ all in our school communities, whether public, parochial or private grow emotionally, psychologically and spiritually.

May we add our own concerns and enfold in our hearts and prayers the well-being of everyone in our own school communities and the diverse communities throughout our country. We ask this in Jesus' name - Amen

Saint Francis Peace Through Justice/ Parish Diversity Celebration, Jubilee Garden, Care for Creation Potluck

Get Inspired by **Sister Mary Jo Quinn**

Presenting on **Sisters Caring for Creation: A New Paradigm, A Lasting Legacy**

< New this year: cooking demonstrations by Saint Mary's talented chefs.

< Back by popular demand: a cooking challenge to see who can create the best potluck/ethnic dish. Join the fun and enter the contest whether you bring a main dish, side dish or a dessert to share.

< Tasteful decorations from the Saint Mary Jubilee Garden along with an update on the 2026 harvest and donations to Helena Food Share.

< Guess the weight of the giant pumpkin.

Saturday September 26, 2026

In the Social Center after the 4:00 Mass



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Care for Creation



Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food and their leaves for medicine. Ez 47: 9,12

The Biblical theme for the Season of Creation 2026, Living Water, is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, and embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water and actively safeguard and work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being and spirituality may flourish together.

The symbol for the Season of Creation 2026 is Immersion in Living Water. The call is for transformation-that Christians would be immersed in the living water flowing from the throne of God-stepping in deeper and deeper, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation.

The windows in the sanctuary behind the Saint Mary Catholic Community font portray living, flowing water and include fossils the children of the parish put in them. The font itself blesses us with living holy water at the sacrament of Baptism, at funeral services, during the Easter season and as we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross as we enter and depart from the sanctuary. We are blest, indeed!

Buy a Basket to Fill a Basket 2026

**Auction starts Saturday, October 3rd at 3:00 PM and
Ends Sunday, October 11th at 11:00 AM**

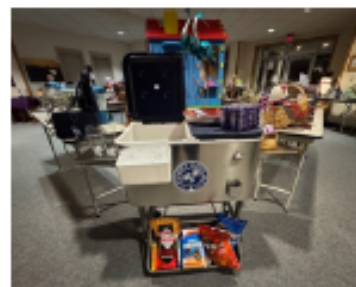
Saint Mary is an integral partner with Helena Food Share providing Thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. This year we are anticipating distributing 250+ food baskets. The “Buy a Basket to Fill a Basket” is a major fundraiser in this effort. With continued rising costs, your support is more important than ever! The auction will be held as a hybrid again. Using the same website as previous years, 32auctions, the auction items can be viewed here: <https://www.32auctions.com/stmaryauction2026> and the baskets will be on display in the gathering space from October 3rd-11th.



If you have signed up for an account last year, you can use the same account. Don't have an account? You can visit the website <https://www.32auctions.com/stmaryauction2026> to register (you do not need an account to view the items). To bid on an item at church, you can use your phone to access the bid sheet through the QR code. Need help or have questions? **Contact Allison at 406-431-5226 or allisever@gmail.com or Deb at 406-439-2319 or dkholiday2008@gmail.com.**

Some frequently asked questions:

What is an exact bid vs a proxy bid? An exact bid is the typical way people are used to placing a bid and is for the exact amount you place. You will get a confirmation of your bid by email/text. If you are outbid you will get another email/text letting you know. A proxy bid allows you to enter the maximum amount you're willing to spend with the goal of winning the item at the lowest possible price. The system will bid for you, up to your maximum proxy bid amount, as additional bids are entered on the item.



How will I know if I win an item? Once the auction closes, you will receive an email for any items that you have won as well as the total amount owed. Invoices will be printed once the auction closes.

How can I collect the items I won? Items will be available for pick up at the church from 11:30-12:30 or in the office the following week.

If you would like to see examples of the above situations, or have more questions about bidding, you can visit the [FAQ section](#) on the bidding website, or contact Allison.



NEW PRICE. LIFELONG VALUE.

The education you expect at a price you understand.



Greetings to you! I am writing to share exciting news! Beginning with the 2027–28 academic year, **Carroll College will reset its published undergraduate tuition to \$26,800.** This simplified model aims to give students and families a clearer, more straightforward understanding of Carroll's tuition, financial aid, and what they can expect to pay. I hope this approach will make the college planning process easier to navigate for you and help our families make more informed decisions.

The close relationship between Carroll, the Diocese of Helena, and our parishes remains essential to Carroll's mission and its ability to provide a transformative Catholic education that is both excellent and accessible. With this exciting tuition and scholarship structure change, Carroll remains steadfast in that mission and in its commitment to affordability. I hope you will give Carroll a look and encourage your friends and family members to apply. Know of my continued prayers for all of you, and please pray for me!

In Christ, I am
Bishop Austin Vetter

↓ **40%**

Beginning in fall 2027, Carroll is lowering its published undergraduate tuition by 40% to \$26,800. We are also eliminating the General Student Fee. Carroll is committed to expanding access to a Catholic liberal arts education that transforms lives.

How much is housing and dining? \$12,600/year, so there is no increase from the 2026–2027 academic year.

WHY THIS TUITION CHANGE?

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See if you qualify and learn more at carroll.edu/promise.

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At Carroll College, we believe an exceptional education should be defined by its lifelong value—not by the complexity of its price. We know you may have questions, and we're here to help. We've created a dedicated tuition change webpage with answers to FAQs, additional resources, and more.



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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.

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2025-2026

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