

Saint Mary Catholic Community

October 11, 2026 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank you!

**To all who came
and had their
animals blessed
last weekend.**



Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 pm | Sunday Mass 9:00 am

Weekday Masses: Monday 12:10 pm (NO MASS Tuesdays or Wednesdays)

Thursday October 15th Funeral Service Mark Maki at 10:00 am; Daily Mass at 12:10 pm

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 starting in November.

Schedule to be announced.

Reconciliation: Thursday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday 2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

Pastoral Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday: closed temporarily

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Masses at Saint Mary

Sunday, October 11th— The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;
Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10*

9:00 AM Mass— for Velma Dalton✙
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Monday, October 12th

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

12:10 PM Mass—for Deacon Ron Fournier✙
rb: Tony Duvernay

Tuesday, October 13th--No Mass
Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14th—No Mass
Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15th
Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

12:10 PM Marcella Boyd✙
rb: The Boyd Family

Friday, October 16th--No Mass
Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17th
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for Marcella Boyd✙
rb: The Boyd Family

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, October 12th**
 - Daily Mass at 12:10 PM
 - Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM
 - OCIA 5:15 PM St Ann's
- **Tuesday, October 13th**
 - Grief Group B 10:30 AM -12:00 PM
 - Catholicism 101 6:30-8 PM at OLV
- **Wednesday, October 14th**
 - Prayer in Motion 12-1 PM
 - NO Elementary RE
 - NO Youth Ministry
- **Thursday, October 15th**
 - Daily Mass at 12:10 PM
 - NO Catholicism 101 12:45-2 PM
- **Saturday, October 17th**
 - 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions
 - after Mass Lector training
- **Sunday, October 18th**
 - NO LOWC at the 9:00 AM Mass

Parish Staff at your service

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Parish Councils at your service

Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Jan Buyske, Mary Munger, 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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT – PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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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>

Prayer part 8

Common Prayers

The most obvious form of common prayers include the Our Father and the Hail Mary. But we have many forms of common prayers that help us to pray when we are together. The common prayers of the Catholic Church are one of our hallmarks. They allow us to memorize prayers and be able to pray whenever we come together. They mark times and seasons and help us find words for the more important times of the year. I want to guide you into some of the less common forms of common prayers.

Novenas

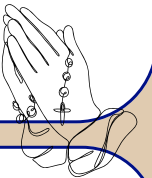
Novenas are typically nine-day prayers with a specific prayer or set of prayers that are prayed each day for nine consecutive days. The origins of the novena come from Pentecost. As Jesus ascended into Heaven, he told his disciples to wait until the coming of the Spirit, which took nine days. From that moment came the tradition of praying for nine consecutive days. Although the standard length is 9 days, novenas vary in length to up to 33 days and sometimes as many as an entire year. Often novenas have the same prayer prayed each day but many have different prayers prayed each day. Some involve the life of Jesus, a Saint, or an event such as Pentecost. Others focus on themes or spiritual gifts like the Surrender Novena.

Why pray the same prayer for nine days? A couple of reasons. The purpose of praying for consecutive days is to deepen our sense of the virtue, idea, or desire of the novena. Maybe we want greater trust or to surrender to God. Then we pray for that gift for several consecutive days. Maybe we want to dive deeper into the mystery of Jesus, Mary, or one of the Saints. Then each day we reflect more deeply upon that idea through the variety of prayers and by reflecting on these people for a period of time. The second side of the continuous prayers is persistence. We are building the virtues of persistence and fortitude by reminding ourselves to pray each day.

Litanies

Another form of common prayer which is used widely throughout the world are litanies. Litanies are a type of prayer in which we use titles, ideas, or images to enter more deeply into a relationship with a person or idea. For instance, the Litany of Mary uses her various titles to help us reflect on the role of Mary and her importance in salvation history. Litanies are a call and response. The leader will start the litany with something like “Lord have mercy” repeated with the people repeating it. Then the leader will say the name of the Saint or the attribute of the person with the response of either “have mercy on us” if it relates to God or “pray for us” if it is about one of the Saints. Litanies are great ways to help us reflect on the mysteries of our faith without having to memorize long prayers or teach new types of prayers.

Fr. Cody



Pope's Intentions for October 2026

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.



Prayer Ministry Sacrifice

As praying stewards, we come together as a community for those who grieve in various ways for the loss of a loved one. Through support at funeral Masses and liturgies, receptions and Mass intentions, we surround them in prayer and care.

As ministering stewards, we continue our preparation for the Thanksgiving box ministry to those who are in need. Food slips with suggested items to complete our boxes are available after the Masses this weekend.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:
Total Donations (Two Weeks): 9/24/26 – 10/07/26
\$16,1657

Monthly Income (September) \$52,136
Average Monthly Expenses (September) \$54,504



Goal	\$89,600.00
Collected	\$46,054.92

57% of Goal



SMCC Solar Energy

As of Friday, October 9th at
3:00 pm, SMCC solar panels have
produced **230.73 MWh of energy**
worth \$26534.24!

Please Note:

There will be daily Masses on Thursday,
October 15th at 12:10 PM.

The Catholicism 101 class will **not**
be at Saint Mary on Thursday, October 15th.

No Daily Masses or Confessions

October 21st-30th

Funeral Liturgy for Mark Maki:

Thursday, October 15th at 10:00 am

Funeral Services for Linda La Chere Sorenson:

OLV Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 am and Celebration of
Life October 17th at Carroll College, 4:00 pm. Sign up for
providing food for the reception:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BA4AC28A3FB6-66581730-linda#/>

Prayers for the Deceased

Mark Maki

Linda La Chere Sorenson

(daughter of Jerry and Maureen LaChere)

Sheila O'Loughlin

*(Sister -in Law of Carl and
Gail O'Loughlin)*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and
let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently
died. When a member of your family dies and the funeral is
somewhere other than Saint Mary, please call the
Pastoral Office and let us know.



Mass of Anointing October 17th
at 10:00 am
with a light luncheon following.

Ministry Trainings

We will be conducting trainings for new and returning
ministers after the 4:00 pm Masses. The following are
the scheduled times:

Saturday, October 17th Lectors

More sessions will be scheduled soon, so keep
an ear and a look out for times! If you are unable to
attend, please contact Allison at the office.

Faith Formation Opportunities

Elementary Religious Education Classes
have started, but there is still time to
register if you are interested!

Elementary RE: Wednesdays

3:45 PM to 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation class starts

October 4th from 10:15 AM-11:15: AM

Please contact Lori at the parish office (406-442-5268) if you have any questions!

Youth Ministry Updates

Help with Dinners Needed!

Please join our SignUp Genius to help provide meals for students who are running from busy days so they can eat before youth group.



Contact Mary O'Donnell with any questions!

Youth Group has begun!

Youth Group Schedule:

Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 at OLV

Optional: Confessions at 4:30, Mass at 6

Join us early for dinner at 6:30!

The Parish Diversity Celebration Invites You

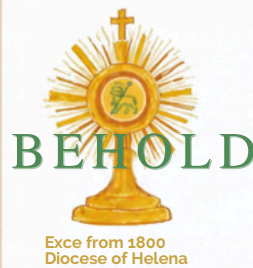
Servant of God Dorothy Day

Saving Those In Need

What does It Mean to Love Your Neighbor?

Blessing in the gathering space with a
Reflection by Mary O'Donnell

12:45 PM Monday, October 19



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.

Where: Missoula (St. Joe's), **Cost,** 560

Who: Grades 6-8 (Financial aid Available)



diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND" MT 7:7

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**O.C.I.A.
Classes**

Invite a friend or two and come discover the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of our rich faith. Questions? Call Mary O'Donnell (ext 107)



MONDAYS
OCT 12 - APRIL 19



**ST. ANN'S
ROOM**



5:15-6:30 PM

All are welcome!

Revolution of the Heart Documentary Film Showing

Discussion facilitators:

Helen & Joe Beausoleil,

Michael & Glenda Seipp,

Tuesday, October 27th

1:00 and 6:30 Social Center

Desserts and Beverages Provided



Buy a Basket to Fill a Basket 2026

Ends Sunday, October 11th at 11:00 AM

You will receive an email if you are the winner and you can pick items up at 11:30 from the church or at the office on Monday,

New option this year: You can pay online with a debit or credit card on item won! You can use this link: <https://www.osvhub.com/saint-mary-catholic-community/giving/funds/buy-a-basket>

Thank you!

To all our sponsors, donors, winners and all who bid on items.
We could not do this fundraiser without all the support!

Need Help or Have Questions?

Contact Allison at 406-431-5226 or 406-442-5268 or allisever@gmail.com or Deb at 406-439-2319 or dkholiday2008@gmail.com.

Save the date!

More details coming soon!



See the Kiosk for more details on the following events:

- White Mass at the Cathedral of St Helena
 - October 17, 2026 9:00 am Mass
- Harvest Gathering for the Helena Journey Community, an Italian meal in support of Good Samaritan
 - October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- 40 Days for Life fall campaign now through November 1, 2026
- CSSM Mental Health Talk, November 6, 2026 8:30 am-4:30 pm OLV--Registration required. Please see the kiosk for more information.

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!



Mass of Remembrance and Hope

Monday, November 2nd at 5:30 pm

with reception to follow.



Please drop off your photos of loved ones who have died to the Parish office by Thursday, October 29th.

Their photo will be displayed in the gathering space during the month of November so that all may remember them in their prayers.

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.



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!

Collection for treats and food for 4 legged family members

In addition to food for our Thanksgiving outreach this year, we would like to provide treats and food for pets. If you would like to bring any items, you can place them with your food donations in the gathering space.

Thank you!

Statues of Saints for All Saints Day

You are invited to bring statues of saints, marked with your name, to the parish office by Oct. 29th for the annual exhibit of saint statues and icons for the Saint Mary All Saints Day celebration and to attend the blessing of the display.



No Class on October 15th through October 29th.

Next class November 5th from 12:45-2. Please see the website and bulletin for updated topics for a link to join online!

Are you interested in growing your faith? Do you know someone who is interested in Catholicism? Join this series in person or online.

@OLV Tuesdays from 6:30-8

@ Saint Mary Thursdays from 12:45-2 in the social center

Online <https://meet.google.com/feu-ahyo-kzy>

See our website for a list of classes and topics. Classes are stand alone, so come to one or all!

All are welcome!

Please join the Helena Catholic Journey Community for our 'Harvest Gathering'

at St Mary Catholic Community - 1700 Missoula Ave - on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 pm.

A free Italian meal will be served by members of the Journey Community. guest speaker for the event is Eric Kroeger, Executive Director of Good Samaritan Ministry.

This is a family friendly event. Come dine with us and find out what is happening at 'Good Sam's'

(a free will offering will be collected for Good Samaritan Ministry)

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