

Saint Mary Catholic Community

October 18, 2026 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Save the Date: All Parish Meeting

Sunday, November 15th from 2-4 pm

This is a special opportunity to discuss where we are, where we have been, where we are hoping to go and what challenges we face as a parish.

Everyone is welcome to come!

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

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

No Mass Thursday, October 21, 2026

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: Thursdays 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

No Confessions Thursday, October 22nd or 29th

Saturday 2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

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

Friday: 9:00-12:00 starting November 6, 2026

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Masses at Saint Mary

Sunday, October 18th— The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b •
Matthew 22:15-21*

9:00 AM Mass—for intentions of
Fr Tom O'Donnell
rb: Lori Moullet

Monday, October 19th

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Martyrs
Ephesians 2:1-10 • Luke 12:13-21

12:10 PM Mass—for intentions of the
Bennett Family
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner
and for Linda LaChere Sorensen
rb Jill Caldwell ✙

Tuesday, October 20th—No Mass
Ephesians 2:12-22 • Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 21st—No Mass
Ephesians 3:2-12 • Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22nd—No Mass
Ephesians 3:14-21 • Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 23rd—No Mass
Ephesians 4:1-6 • Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 24th
Ephesians 4:7-16 • Luke 13:1-9
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil—for Captain James T Corbett ✙
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner
and for Richard Clark ✙
rb Catherine Ortwein

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Upcoming Events

• **Monday, October 19th**

- Daily Mass at 12:10 PM
- Dorothy Day display blessing at 12:45 PM
- Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM
- OCIA 5:15 PM St Ann's

• **Tuesday, October 20th**

- Catholicism 101 6:30-8 PM at OLV

• **Wednesday, October 21st**

- Prayer in Motion 12-1 PM in the Social Center
- Elementary RE 3:35-5:00 PM
- Youth Ministry at OLV at 6:30-8:30 PM

• **Thursday, October 22nd**

- NO Daily Mass
- NO Catholicism 101 12:45-2 PM
- NO Confessions

• **Saturday, October 23rd**

- 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions

• **Sunday, October 24th**

- NO LOWC at the 9:00 AM Mass

Parish Councils at your service

Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Jan Buyske, Mary Munger, Jeff Tobin, Tyson Schulte, Leah Butkay, Lacey Galen, Kristi Irwin, Alissa Voeller, NEW MEMBERS: **Jim Tucker, Sr, Maria Foot and Mary Lou Abbott**

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

Thank you to Glenda Seipp for stepping in as our Interim Director of Pastoral Care and to her team of volunteers that helped and supported our parish ministries to hospital, homebound and other pastoral ministries.

Prayer part 9

Common prayers

Memorare

The Memorare, which comes from the first words of the prayer, remember, is a prayer asking for Mary's intercession. The prayer recalls Mary's unique role in interceding for us since she had the singular honor of being the vessel through which our salvation came into the world. The prayer is:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.



The Glory Be and the Doxology

The Glory Be and the Doxology have similar structures and purposes. Both of these prayers are directed towards the Trinity and emphasize the triune nature of God. This prayer directs our attention to glorifying and praising God. It is simple prayer. Some people make the sign of the cross or bow their heads when praying this prayer as a sign of reverence for God's name. The difference between the Glory Be and the Doxology are in the ending. Notice some details of this prayer. The word "and" is used before each of the persons of the Trinity. This additional "and" makes a point. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is God.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Doxology:

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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.





Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

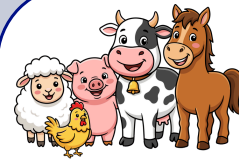
As praying stewards, we look to the saints as examples of how to live our lives in ministry and support of our communities.

As ministering stewards, we look for ways to minimize our footprints upon Earth by identifying ways to implement actions in support of Laudato Si starting with small changes with our hospitality this weekend.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:
Total Donations (Two Weeks): 9/24/26 – 10/07/26
\$16,657

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



Attention farmers!

As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce waste from our various functions, we are soliciting people who have livestock that would be interested in picking up leftovers that are not able to be used by people but still viable for animals i.e. table scraps, stale food, peelings, etc. Please let the office know if you are interested or have questions!

SMCC Solar Energy

As of Thursday, October 15th at 8:00 pm, SMCC solar panels have produced **231.24 MWh of energy worth \$26,592.52!**



Please Note change in weekly schedule:

**No Daily Masses or Confessions
October 21st-30th**

**No Catholicism Class on October 22nd or
October 29th.**

**Next class November 5th from 12:45-2
Topic: Who is Jesus?**



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.

Prayers for the Deceased

Loretta Boynton
(Daughter of Hank Lang)

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.

Ministry Trainings

Thank you to all who have attended these sessions.

Greeter/Usher training will be on
November 7th after the 4:00 PM Mass.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Allison at the office. Guides will be sent out to all ministers soon!

Faith Formation Opportunities

Elementary RE: Wednesdays

3:45 PM to 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation class has started.

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

Youth Ministry Updates



Help with Dinners Needed!

Slots are still available! Thank you those that have helped with meals. 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 Schedule:

Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 at OLV
starts with dinner

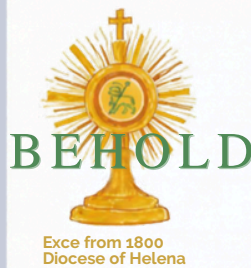
Optional: Confessions at 4:30, Mass at 6
Join us early for dinner at 6:30!

October 28th

Deanery wide All Saints Day Party
for all middle and high school youth

**Cathedral of St Helena,
Brondel Center**

7:00 PM



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.

When: November 7, 2026

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

Who: Grades 6-8 (Financial aid Available)



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"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND" MT 7:7

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Questions? Call Mary O'Donnell (ext 107)



MONDAYS
OCT 12 - APRIL 19



**ST. ANN'S
ROOM**



5:15-6:30 PM

All are welcome!

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.



Thank you! Buy a Basket to Fill a Basket 2026

to all our sponsors, donors, winners and all who bid on items.

We raised over \$9012.00 this year!

We could not do this fundraiser without all the support!



A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus #844 for donating \$3500 toward our Thanksgiving Box outreach. What an amazing gift!

Save the date!

More details coming soon!



If you are 65 and up and are able to attend the Thanksgiving Senior Dinner, **please RSVP by Monday, Oct 26 to let us know.**

When you call, please provide your name(s) and the number of guests accompanying you. You may bring up to 3 guests. To RSVP, you have 3 options:

Option 1: RSVP via Flocknote coming this week.:

Option 2: Call the Parish Office.

Option 3: Mail the card from the kiosk to us.

If you are unable to attend, but would like Thanksgiving dinner delivered to you, there are two options:

Option 1: Call the office and provide your name, address and number of meals needed.

Option 2: Mail the invite from the kiosk to the 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!

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!

See the kiosk for more details on the following events:

- **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.**

Hospital Communion Ministry

If you'd like to receive Communion from a Pastoral Care Minister or Father Cody Williams, please contact the office at 406-442-5268.



St. Peter's Health



Prayer in Motion

Prayer in Motion continues on Wednesdays from 12-12:45 pm 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!



Annual De La Salle Blackfeet School Raffle

Annual Raffle tickets to support the De La Salle Blackfeet School. Tickets are \$5 and directly support the tuition of students. Stop by the office to purchase a ticket or learn more about more opportunities to give.

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



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

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

at St Mary Catholic Community -

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)

Welcome new members of the Pastoral Council!

Last week we elected Jim Tucker, Mary Lou Abbot, and Maria Foot to the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is an advisory council to the parish. This council represents the parish in helping the pastor make decision and plan for the good of the parish. It is a closed and confidential council to allow time and space to make decisions.

THE BLESSING BOX NEEDS

YOUR HELP!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Parish Blessing Box. Winter is coming on, and it is more important than ever to keep the Box filled. We are looking for donations of hats, gloves, scarves and small blankets. We continue to need small toiletries and food items that do not require utensils to eat. Examples are granola bars, individual packets of trail mix or fruit gummies, individually wrapped sticks of beef jerky, small containers of fruit or tuna (we supply spoons and forks), or anything else you may find at a grocery store that would be easy for people to eat. Your donations may be left in the Blessing Box basket located in the Gathering Space at Church. Thank you for your donations. God bless!

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