

Saint Mary Catholic Community

October 25, 2026 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

St Mary Catholic Community Presents



Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

**Nov 1 | Social Center
3:00 PM**

See details inside the bulletin
RSVP by Monday October 26th

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 Monday, October 26 or Thursday, October 29, 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 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 25th—
The Thirtieth**

Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Exodus 22:20-26 • 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40*

9:00 AM Mass— for Richard Clark †
rb Hal and Carolyn Nelson

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**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - No Mass**  
*Ephesians 4:32-5:8 • Luke 13:10-17*

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Tuesday, October 27th--No Mass
Ephesians 5:21-33 • Luke 13:18-21

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**Wednesday, October 28th—No Mass**  
**Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)**  
*Ephesians 2:19-22 • Luke 13:31-35*

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Thursday, October 29th--No Mass
Ephesians 6:10-20 • Luke 13:22-30

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**Friday, October 30th--No Mass**  
*Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 14:1-6*

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Saturday, October 31st
Philippians 1:18b-26 • Luke 14:1, 7-11
2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for Mike Billings †
rb Catherine Ortwein

At A Glance

- **Monday, October 26th**
 - No Daily Mass
 - Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM
 - OCIA 5:15 PM St Ann's
- **Tuesday, October 27th**
 - Parish Diversity Dorothy Day Documentary Screening at 1:00 and 6:30 PM-social center
- **Wednesday, October 28th**
 - Prayer in Motion 12-1 PM in the Social Center
 - Elementary RE 3:45-5:00 PM
 - Youth Ministry at the Cathedral--details in bulletin
- **Thursday, October 29th**
 - NO Daily Mass
 - NO Catholicism 101 12:45-2 PM
 - NO Confessions
- **Saturday, October 30th**
 - 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions
- **Sunday, November 1st**
 - NO LOWC at the 9:00 AM Mass
 - Senior Dinner at 3:00 PM in the social center

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, Alissa Voeller, Jim Tucker, Sr, Maria Foot and Mary Lou Abbott

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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!

Prayer part 10

Common Prayers

Chaplets

What are chaplets? Chaplets are a series of repeated prayers that are said using a string of beads. These chaplets can range in length from an entire Rosary of 59 beads to smaller groups of 10. The goal of the chaplet is to pray a repeated prayer and invites us to reflect more deeply upon a mystery of faith or the way God has worked in the life of a Saint. We have many different options for chaplets including the Chaplet of St. Michael and the Chaplet of the Holy Spirit. The most widely known chaplet is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

This specific chaplet is prayed using the standard set of Rosary beads. Like the Rosary, the two main types of prayers are prayed on the larger Our Father bead and the smaller decade of 10 beads. The prayer prayed on the Our Father bead is “Eternal Father I offer you the Body and Blood soul and divinity of your dearly beloved son Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.” On the decade beads this prayer is prayed “For the sake of his sorrowful passion. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

The goal of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is to reflect on the passion of Jesus. The wording of the prayers may seem strange to some people, so let’s reflect a little deeper on these prayers. Devotional prayers like the chaplets are meant to extend the celebration of the Mass. We pray these prayers to remind us of God’s saving action evidenced in the Mass. The request to “offer the Son” is a reflection of the offering of Jesus’ Body and Blood both on the Cross and during the Mass. So, essentially, our goal is to continually join the offering of the Son to the Father. Why do we do this? The offering of the Son to the Father is the way we receive the grace and mercy from God and atonement for our sins. We are forgiven because Jesus gave his Body and Blood for our salvation. The words and prayers of this chaplet extend that event, make them present to us, and help us reflect on this mystery of our faith.

The Angelus

Around the 12th century, monks began the tradition of praying a Hail Mary when the bell of the night hour rung. This simple action gave hope for the coming of Jesus and reminded them of the Incarnation. Over the next decades, the faithful began this same tradition of praying a Hail Mary when the bell rings. By the 14th century, a common practice began of praying a Hail Mary at the noon bell. This pious devotion developed into the Angelus. The Angelus, named from the fact that it reflects on the message that the Archangel Gabriel gave to Mary, encourages us to reflect on the Incarnation. The prayer is very simple. It takes lines from the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel and has us reflect on them.

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to be according to thy word.
The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



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

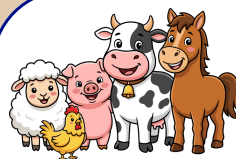
As praying stewards, we gathered with members of our parish at our semi-annual Anointing Mass to ask for the Lord's blessing upon those experiencing illness to experience peace and renewal.

As ministering stewards, we gathered with the Parish Diversity ministry to bless and learn about Saint Dorothy Day and her advocacy and works with marginalized workers.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:
Total Donations (Two Weeks): 10/8/26-10/22/26
\$23,370

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 Friday, October 23rd  at 2:00 pm, SMCC solar panels have produced **232.02 MWh of energy worth \$26,682.43!**

Please Note change in weekly schedule:

**No Daily Masses or Confessions
October 26th or October 29th**

**No Catholicism Class on October 29th.
Next class November 5th from 12:45-2
Topic: Who is Jesus?**



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.



Liturgical Ministry Trainings

Thank you to all who have attended these sessions. If you have been unable to attend but are interested in being a minister, please contact Allison and we can schedule a 1:1 session.

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. New minister guides will be sent out to all ministers soon!

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!

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

Youth Group Schedule

Wednesday, October 28th

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

Cathedral of St Helena,

Brondel Center

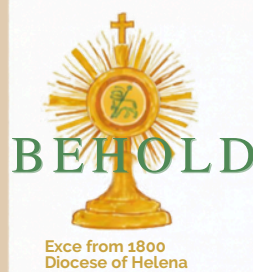
7:00 PM



Your help is needed!



The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is right around the corner. This is such a lovely time to serve your fellow parishioners at such a wonderful event! We need your help to pull it off. Please click [here](#) for the signup genius to volunteer for a variety of ways to serve throughout the day, Sunday, November 1st!



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)



diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND" MT 7:7

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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!



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!





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.:

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, please contact the office and we will get you on our delivery list!

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

**Nov 1 | Social Center
3:00 PM**

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

Volunteers are needed to help with our annual Thanksgiving Food Boxes.

Below is a list of tasks with dates and times.

If you can help, please call or text Lois at (406) 461-9843 or send her an email message at grzmen@msn.com. You also may call the church at (406) 442-5268 or sign up at the kiosk in the gathering space in the church.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 (1:30 p.m.) – Sort food; bag potatoes

Wednesday, Nov. 18 (6:00 p.m.) – Fill boxes

Sunday, Nov. 22 (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) or (1:00-3:00 p.m.) – Distribute boxes

Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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 * Jell-O
Canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
Muffin mix* Canned Meats/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!

**See the kiosk for more details on
the following events:**

- **40 Days for Life** fall campaign now through November 1
- **CSSM Mental Health Talk**, November 6, 2026 8:30 am-4:30 pm OLV--Registration required. Please see the kiosk for more information.

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!

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!

The Parish Diversity Celebration Invites You
Servant of God Dorothy Day
Saving Those In Need

**What does It Mean to Love
Your Neighbor?**

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

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry invites our parish community to learn about Dorothy Day, Servant of God. Her deep Catholic faith and passionate commitment to the poor and opposition to all war are inspiring. Information is available at the Diversity Corner in the Gathering Space.

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 opportunities to give.

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NOVEMBER 14, 2026**
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Helena
Brondel Center
530 N Ewing St, Helena, MT 59601

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER HERE

COST: \$40
LUNCH INCLUDED



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-Children Come Sing With Us-

We invite the K-12 children of
St. Mary to join Joyful Noise.

This winter we plan on singing prelude music
for the Christmas Eve Mass.



Rehearsal Schedule:

December 2nd- rehearsal after RE from 5:00-6:00

December 9th- rehearsal after RE from 5:00-6:00

December 21st-3:30-4:30

We will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass...
details soon to come!

If you are interested, have questions or would
like more information please contact
Maria Foot at mfoot49@gmail.com.

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