Saint Mary Catholic Community

November 15, 2026 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Upcoming events



THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

Tuesday, Nov. 17th 1:30 PM – Sort food; bag potatoes

Wednesday, Nov. 18th 6:00 PM – Fill boxes

Sunday, Nov. 22nd 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM or 1:00-3:00 PM – Distribute boxes

Tuesday, Nov. 24th 3:00 PM Transitional Deaconate Ordination, Riley Helgoe at the Cathedral of Saint Helena. All are welcome!

Office Closed Wednesday, Nov. 25th - Friday, Nov 27th

Thursday, Nov. 26th 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

Upcoming in December dates to put on your calendar:

December 7th at 5:30 PM and **December 8th** at 12:10 PM Masses for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 17th Parish Reconcilation service at 5:30 PM

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

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

12:10 PM Mass Mondays

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

Touchmark, November 19th at 11:00 AM

Reconciliation: Thursdays 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: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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Masses at Saint Mary

Sunday, November 15th—The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

9:00 AM Mass–
for Anne and Michael Gibbons ╬
rb Rita Costello

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Monday, November 16th
12:10 PM Daily Mass
St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5 • Luke 18:35-43
12:10 PM Mass
for Erica Fallon Day ╬
rb Nuria Day
for Leo Medina ╬
rb Flor Medina

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Tuesday, November 17th--No Mass
Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 • Luke 19:1-10

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Wednesday, November 18th—No Mass
Revelation 4:1-11 • Luke 19:11-28

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Thursday, November 19th
11:00 AM Daily Mass at Touchmark
Revelation 5:1-10 • Luke 19:41-44
for Intentions of Fr Tim Moriarty
rb Helena Journey

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Friday, November 20th --No Mass
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

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Saturday, November 21st
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil-
for John Fleming ╬
rb Barbara and Jim Schaeffer

Parish Councils at your service

Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Jan Buyske, Mary Munger, Jeff Tobin, Leah Butkay, Lacey Galen, Kristi Irwin, Alissa Voeller, 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

At A Glance

- **Monday, November 16th**
  - Daily Mass 12:10 PM
  - Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM
  - OCIA 5:15 PM
- **Tuesday, November 17th**
  - 1:30 PM Thanksgiving Food Sorting
- **Wednesday, November 18th**
  - NO Prayer in Motion
  - 3:30-5:00 PM Elementary RE
  - 5:30 PM Rosary in the church
  - 6:00 PM Youth Ministry at **Saint Mary** in church
- **Thursday, November 19th**
  - 11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark
  - Catholicism 101 12:45-2 PM
  - Confessions 3:30-5:00 PM
- **Saturday, November 21st**
  - 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions
- **Sunday, November 22nd**
  - No CLOW
  - Distribution of Thanksgiving Boxes 11:00-3:00

Parish Staff at your service

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Prayer part 13

Mass as prayer

We are often so familiar with the prayers of the Mass that we forget that the Mass is meant to teach us how to pray. Let me give you some examples of the Mass teaching us to pray so that you can find your own examples.

The Presidential Prayers:

Throughout the Mass we have three prayers that are called the Presidential Prayers: the Opening Prayer or Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings which happens at the end of the offertory and before the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Prayer after Communion which happens just before the final blessing. Each of these prayers have a similar structure to show us how to pray. They start with an introduction addressing God. Throughout the year, the introduction changes to match the day, season, or celebration. The same applies to us. The greeting or the introduction for our prayers can be drawn from the Mass: Almighty and merciful God, O God, who manifest your almighty power by pardoning and showing mercy, Look upon us, O God. We have lots of options for how to address God when we pray and the Mass teaches us many options. The same applies to the body of the prayer. Throughout the year, we learn about God in each and every prayer. Simple things like Jesus' coming and his plans to come again, the events of Jesus' life, God's plan for our salvation, how God shows mercy, and the desires of a heart that wants God. We hear all of these types of desires and ideas throughout the prayers of the Mass. Finally, the ending of a prayer. Each prayer of the Mass has an ending specific to who is being addressed in the prayer. If the Father is addressed, then the prayer ends with something like "Through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son." If Jesus or the Spirit is addressed, then the prayer ends with "Through Christ our Lord." The Mass teaches us many options for crafting our own prayers or adjusting our prayers to reflect different aspects of God or the desires of our heart.

The Structure of the Mass:

One of the aspects of prayer we often don't think about is the directionality of prayer. Who are we praying to? Why are we praying? Who hears our prayers? During the Mass we make some strong distinctions in who we are praying to. When we honor a Saint, the prayer always focuses on the qualities of the Saint that show us something about God. We don't pray to the Saint but honor God for what he did in the life of that Saint. Additionally, when we pray, our prayers have a directionality. As mentioned above, when we pray to the Father, we end the prayer with "through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord." Since Jesus is the link between us and the Father, we pray through him to reach the Father. Is this exclusive? No. But it tells us about the nature of God in our prayers. Jesus gives everything he has to the Father; everything goes to the Father. We pray in the Spirit, through the Son, to the Father. The Father gave us his Spirit so that we can have the words to pray and the inspiration we need in prayer. Jesus became the special link which links our humanity to God's divinity. Then all prayers go to God. Either the Son, Spirit, or Father receives them but regardless they are to God. This may seem strange that the Son, who is God, and the Spirit, who is God, cannot receive our prayers. This is not so. The structure of the plan of salvation is for everything to be in the Father. Therefore, in the Mass we make a point that everything goes to the Father to help us understand and live this reality.

Fr. Cody





Pope's Intentions for November 2026

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Saint Mary Catholic Community
Stewardship
A Way of Life

Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards, we come together as a community to discuss Saint Mary as a community: where we have been, where we are, where we hope to go and what challenges we face.

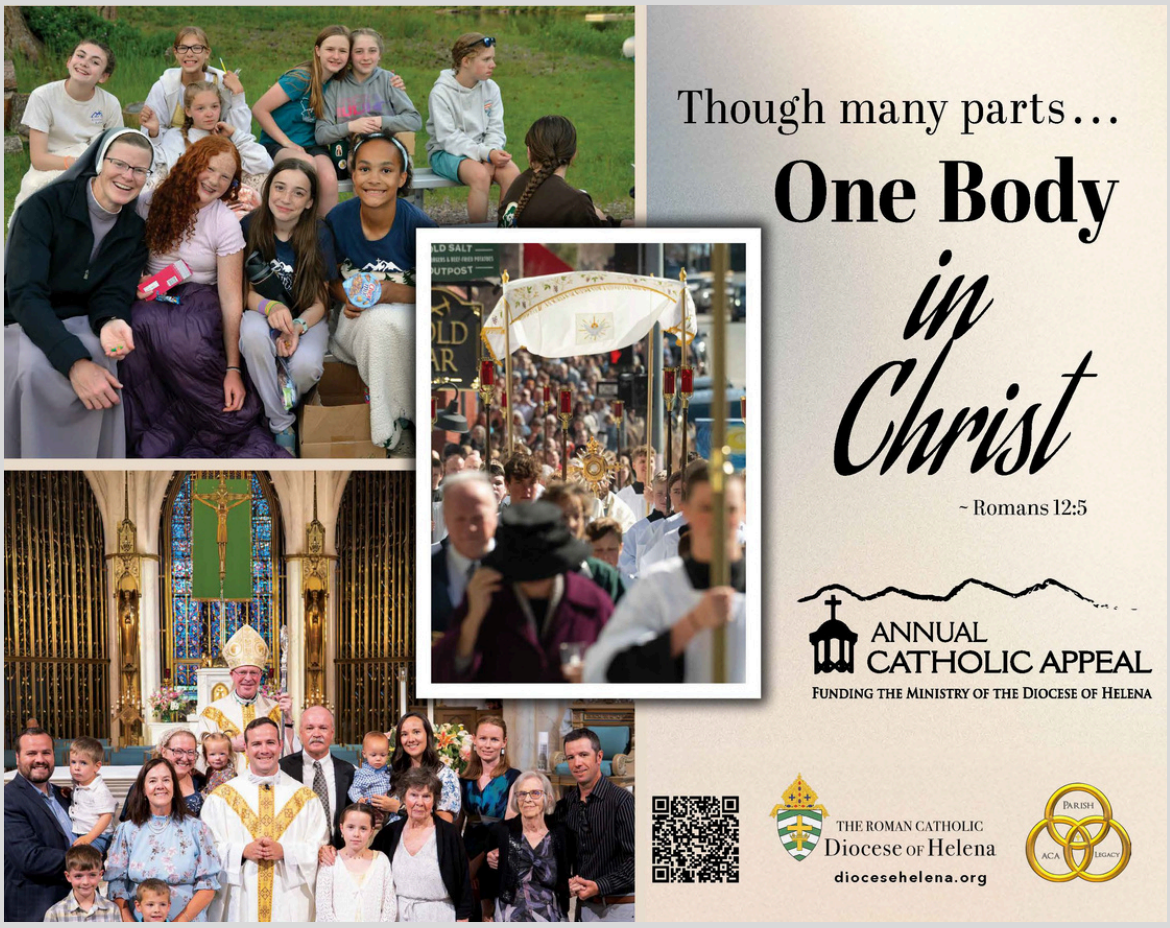
As ministering stewards, we gather, sort, purchase and create all of the food to be used to create the 260+ boxes to distribute next Sunday along with the 30+ larger family to family boxes for those who have 6+ members.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:
11/06/26-11/12/26
Total Donations: $9,839

Monthly Income (October) $63,405
Average Monthly Expenses (October) $56,694

You can access our online giving site through this QR code. Please contact Danita at finance@stmaryhelena.org or 406-442-5268 with any questions.

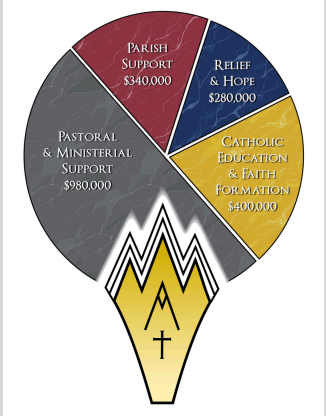


We Are Stronger Together

Thank you for our support of the 2026-2027 ACA campaign supporting ministries of the Diocese of Helena.

You should have received material in the mail. You can respond with a gift through check or online at diocesehelena.org.

For assistance or questions, please contact the Stewardship office at the Center for Catholic Life at 406-389-7062.



SUPPORT CATHOLIC FORMATION SERVICES

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2026/27 helps the Diocesan Office of Catholic Formation to train and equip parish and school catechetical leaders. ACA 2026/27 also promotes the availability of Journey and helps provide for the development of solid educational programming and support services, plus adult enrichment opportunities.

Faith Formation Inspires Devotion

SMCC Solar Energy

As of Friday, November 13th at 8:00 am, SMCC solar panels have produced 233.40 MWh of energy worth $26,840.61!

Faith Formation Opportunities

Youth Ministry Updates



Information about Legendary Lodge summer camps can be found on the kiosk or by visiting legendarylodge.org. Scholarships may be available. Contact Mary O'Donnell for more information.

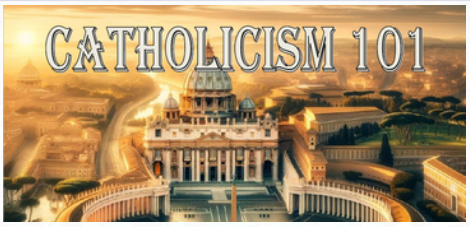
Youth group this week will be at **Saint Mary from 6:00-7:30 PM** on Wednesday, November 18th. We will be creating blessing bags and helping with the Thanksgiving box assembly.

Dinner will be served.

Mitten Tree

RE families, we are starting our collection of hats and mittens of all sizes for our mitten tree again this year.

Donations can be brought to RE on Wednesdays and will be distributed to help families in need this winter!



Next session: Church Part 1: the Creed and development of Church teachings. Thursday, November 19th from 12:45-2:00 PM in the social center.

Elementary RE Wednesday November 18th from 3:30-5:00 PM.

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



-Children Come Sing With Us-

We invite the K-12 children of Saint 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.



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.



We pray for the vocation of the priesthood.

SEMINARIANS
FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA
2026-2027

Shae Bills	Carter Anderson
John Cooney	Matt Keck
Riley Helgoe	Anthony Olmes
Carson Gorton	James Semling
Jake Smith	Kaleb Mitchell
Jamie Severson	Brett Rotz

-Please Continue to pray for our Seminarians-

Bags needed!

We need plastic grocery bags to be used to pack potatoes for our Thanksgiving boxes. Any bags leftover will be brought to Helena Food Share for use there. Please make sure they are clean and do not have holes. You can bring them to the office or leave in the gathering space with the other food offerings. **Thank you!**

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Prayer for global summits

For political leaders across the globe
that are called to work together
and for all of us engaged in raising "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" in the run up to those summits.

May the Holy Spirit
guide us to keep most vulnerable communities at the heart of each political decision as a compass for social and climate justice.

May the outcomes of those international summits be answering in scale and depth to the emergencies the world is facing and contribute to building a renewed harmony between humanity and nature.

May the Lord give each of us the strength and passion to be a unique piece of a converted planetary community.

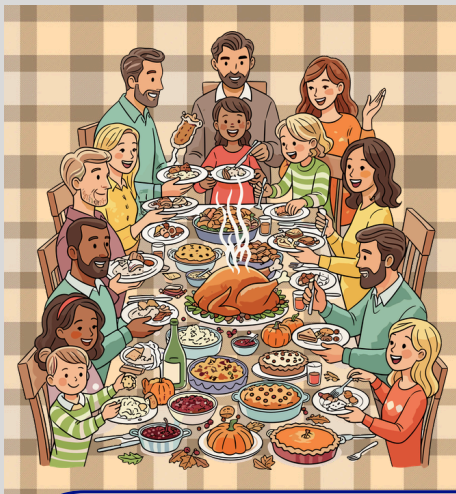
Amen.

Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 26
9:00 AM

No Prayer in Motion Nov 18th. Next meeting Nov 25th !

DONATIONS NEEDED

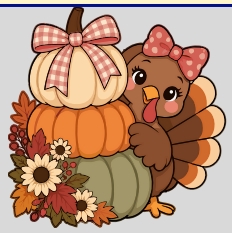
As part of our Youth Group on November 18th, we will be creating blessing bags to pass out to agencies and use in our blessing box here at Saint Mary. Any donations of socks, personal care items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, protein drinks, water bottles, band-aids, hand/toe warmers, gallon size zip lock bags etc. to help with this project would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the office.



Family to Family Baskets

Larger family to family boxes are needed in addition to the boxes assemble. These boxes should support a family of 6 members or more.

There is a list of items on the kiosk you can use to build your boxes. Items may include: Flour, sugar, stuffing, potatoes, peanut butter, canned items, healthy cereal, juice, etc. The basket may or may not contain a turkey. Please sign up on the kiosk or contact Lois at grzmen@msn.com. Just let Lois and Gary know!





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!

Join us for the 2nd Annual Mrs. Santa's Kitchen

December 5th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Buy your favorite cookies and candies.
5$ per dozen--you pick your own

Children's room to frost cookies and play games. Mrs. Santa will visit from 9:00-11:00 am



Sign up on the kiosk to help with set up, cookies/candies, and day of help!

All proceeds go toward the Giving Tree!





Christmas Giving Tree

will be in the gathering space the weekend of November 28th.
We support over 9 agencies with gifts including:

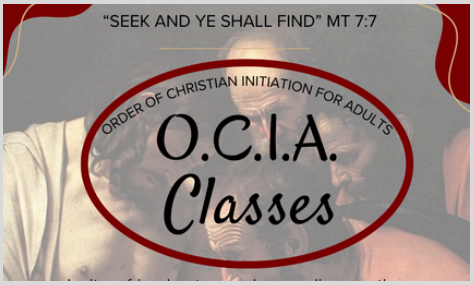
Catholic Social Services, Child and Family Services, Florence Crittenton, The Friendship Center, God's Love, Good Samaritan, Life Houses, Mount Ascension Care Facility and Family Promise.



If you would like to make a monetary donation, there will be envelopes available for you to place a check, or you can use our online giving site: https://www.osvhub.com/saint-mary-catholic-community/giving/funds. Items will also be available to purchase starting the weekend of November 28th.

Thank you for your continued, amazing generosity!

Questions? Call Jan Buyske at 406-450-0595



Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? OCIA meets Mondays in St. Ann's room from 5:15-6:30 PM. Contact Mary at 406-442-5268 ext 107 with any questions.

Collection November 15th



CATHOLIC JOURNEYEXPERIENCE: ALL ARE INVITED!

This is your opportunity to attend a 3-day weekend retreat seeking guidance by the Holy Spirit into a deeper experience of Christian community, prayer, discussion, reflection and enlightenment! Retreats are held at Saint Cyril and Methodius in East Helena.

· Women's Weekend January 14-17, 2027
Contact: helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com
406-439-4136

· Men's Weekend February 11-14, 2027
Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com
406-459-9902

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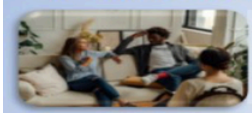
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✓ You can meet with a therapist in-person or online.
✓ Therapists specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, and marriage/family.
✓ Therapy is completely confidential. We'll walk with you on your journey to achieve your goals.
✓ Your consultation is free. Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, some EAP, and private pay (discounts are available) are accepted for additional sessions.


To get started:
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Message us at cssmt.org.

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2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from **5AM to 10PM**.
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