

Saint Mary Catholic Community



Merry Christmas

December 28, 2025
Feast of the Holy
Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph

“He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.”

Matthew 2:23

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the
Lord

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”

Matthew 2:11

Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM | Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 PM

Upcoming Friday Care Center Masses: January 2 at Mount Ascension, January 9 at Touchmark

Adoration: Tuesday following 12:10 p.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m.

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

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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, December 28th—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00 AM Mass— for Leonard Pachl
rb: Danita and Roy Murray

Monday, December 29th—No Mass

1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30th

1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40

12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Violet Coleman
rb: Nancy Coleman

3:30PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, December 31st

1: John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

5:30 PM Mass— for Ryan Manion
rb: Kathleen Hunthausen

Thursday, January 1st— No Mass

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Friday, January 2nd

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

10:30 AM Mass at Mount Ascension for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

Saturday, January 3rd

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for Mary McWhorter
rb: Margy Kernan

Sunday, January 4th— The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3:5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9:00 AM Mass— Martin Tom Rua O'Flaherty
rb: Maryann Costello

Monday, January 5th— No Mass

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday January 6th

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

12:10 PM Mass— for JoAnn Anderson
rb: Helen Goetz

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, January 7th—No Mass

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8th

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22

12:10 PM Mass— for the intentions of Fr. Ned Scheidecker
rb: Helena Catholic Journey

Friday, January 9th

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

Saturday, January 10th

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

2:30 PM— 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil— for the intentions of Julie VanCamp
rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday December 28th:** 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ **Monday December 29th:** No Mass; No Prayer Group; No Grief Group; Office Closed
- ◆ **Tuesday December 30th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; No Chosen Group; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; Office Closed
- ◆ **Wednesday December 31st:** 5:30 pm Mass; No RE; No Youth Group; Office Closed
- ◆ **Thursday January 1st:** No Mass; Office Closed; Happy New Year!
- ◆ **Friday January 2nd:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension; Office Closed
- ◆ **Saturday January 3rd:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday January 4th:** 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ **Monday January 5th:** No Mass; 9:30 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group
- ◆ **Tuesday January 6th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 1:00 pm Chosen Group; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions
- ◆ **Wednesday January 7th:** No Mass; 3:30 pm RE; No Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday January 8th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday January 9th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark
- ◆ **Saturday January 10th:** 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Confessions; 4:00 pm Mass

*Merry
Christmas
AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR!*



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Pastoral Office Hours: Mon, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. | Tuesday: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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From Father Tim

Isaiah 40:25-31

The Lord asks the question, “How can you liken me as an equal?” God is the creator of the heavens, the earth, and all things on the earth. WE are His greatest creations, created in His image to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life so that we can gain glory and praise to Him forever.

The Lord knows the whereabouts and thoughts of each one of us. There are no secrets from God.

The Lord does not grow faint or weary, because He is God and He is eternal. God has no weaknesses or ailments, because He is supernatural, beyond our limits to understand. That’s why faith is so important to all of us; because there are many things we do not understand, and yet, our faith allows us to know that God is with us, will never abandon us, and His love for us is out of this world.

He gives us strength to keep going, and to persevere to the end. When we struggle and fall, physically or spiritually, the Lord is there to raise us up and continue on our pilgrim way.

“O bless the Lord, my soul” Psalm 103

My mother, God rest her soul, was known as saying, “We cannot think a negative thought.” And it is true, we cannot think a negative thought, because our minds and our souls are interconnected. To use the words of our Blessed Mother, as she visited her cousin Elizabeth to announce that she was with child, Mary proclaimed the beautiful Magnificat, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

St. Paul states, “Who can understand the human heart? Why do we do the things we do not want to do, say the things we do not want to say, or think things we do not want to think?” That’s why we have to put on the armor of light, who is Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the desires of the flesh. Trust in the Lord, rely on His wisdom in our lives, and be at peace!

Matthew 11:28-30

The Lord tells all of us, as we are the crowds in the modern world, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” We are never truly at peace until we rest in the Lord. He is our peace, our hope, our strength, and He is our salvation.

Moment by moment, step by step, day by day, may we walk with the Lord, rely on Him at all times, and be the people of love, peace, and compassion that the Lord calls us to be. Praised be Lord Jesus Christ now and forever!

From all of the staff at Saint Mary Catholic Community, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with the love and peace of the Lord!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

Pope’s Intentions for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



**Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice**

As praying stewards, we gathered together to participate in prayerful recollection at our Advent Prayer Service and in joyful remembrance of our Lady at the Immaculate Conception Mass. We move together as a pilgrim people through this season of Advent toward the joyful celebration of Christmas.

As ministering stewards, we gathered to support our youth in our annual Posada and drive-through Living Nativity. Great fun was had by all, especially the cow! We are lovingly and prayerfully supporting those in need in our community by our participation in the Giving Tree. Thank you for your generosity!

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Received:	7/1/25 – 11/30/25	\$205,528
Fiscal Year 2025-25 Budgeted:	7/1/25 – 11/30/25	<u>\$210,888</u>
(Difference: Received – Budget):		(\$ 5,360)

Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts: (FY 2025-26: 7/1/26 – 11/30/26)

Gutter Replacement/Office (Completed)	\$ 3,000
Regular Maintenance & Repair:	\$17,512
Current Need:	\$20,512
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	\$12,279
Difference: (Received – Need):	(\$ 8,233)

Gutter Replacement Office: Completed 11/20/25; final cost: \$3,520. *Thank you Saint Mary Catholic Community for your generosity!*

A Fond Farewell . . .

*“There is an appointed time for everything,
And a time for every affair under the heavens.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

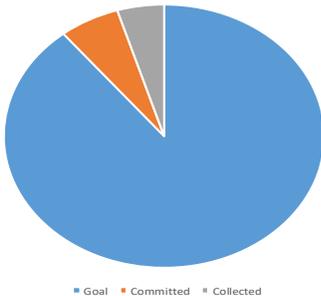
And so it is that I have arrived at that appointed time. After 14 years with the Diocese and two years with Saint Mary Catholic Community, it is now my season to retire.

I am grateful for all the relationships with whom I’ve been blessed throughout my ministry here. I am thankful for all the support, mentorship and challenges which have come my way and in which you have helped me through. Saint Mary Catholic Community is, indeed, a loving, supportive, caring community.

I wish you well in this Christmas season and into the New Year. I leave you in the very capable hands of my replacement, Danita Murray.

Christmas Blessings,
Joanna

HABEMUS PAPAM, ACA 2025-26
14 Households with Commitments



Goal	\$ 89,600.00
Committed	\$ 6,118.00
Collected	\$ 4,743.00

5.3% of Goal



SUPPORT CATHOLIC FORMATION SERVICES

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2025 helps the Diocesan Office of Catholic Formation to train and equip parish and school catechetical leaders. ACA 2025 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

INTRODUCTION FROM BISHOP VETTER

Greetings to you! In the past days and months, I have heard from many of you from across the Diocese of Helena questions regarding immigration and the stance of the Church. I am happy to share with you our Special Pastoral Message on Immigration by the Bishops of the United States in unity with one another and with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, issued on November 12, 2025, at our Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore. I stand behind this message 100%.

In Christ, I am



Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena



STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION

From the Plenary Assembly in Baltimore - November 12, 2025



As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:27*). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah 7:10*). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians 8:9*), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke 10:30-37*), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew 25*). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John 13:34*).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26*). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.



*I have loved you with an everlasting love!
Jeremiah 31:3*

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

Looking Ahead

Religious Education Classes resume on
January 7th

First Communion Class will be held on
Sunday, January 11th from 10:15 am to
11:15 am in the Social Center

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume
on January 11th at the 9:00 am Mass!

Exploring the Rich Story of Our Church

Beginning in January, join us for a special series on Church History. Together, we'll journey through the centuries—discovering the roots of our Catholic faith, the lives of saints and reformers, and the ways the Holy Spirit has guided the Church through challenges and triumphs.

We will meet on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Social Center beginning January 13th!

Come deepen your understanding, ask questions, and grow in appreciation for the living tradition we share.

All are Welcome!!!!

Mitten Tree

Thank you everyone who donated hats and mittens to our Mitten Tree! We are so grateful for your generosity!

**Blessings to all
who made their
First
Reconciliation!**



**May peace be
your gift at
Christmas and
your blessing all
year through!!!!**

Important Dates for Youth Group

Youth Group Meeting: January 14th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Youth Group Meeting: January 21st form 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

The Living Nativity



Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry



St. Joseph at the Creche – Then and Now

St. Joseph - Sometimes viewed as peripheral, an adjunct to the Christmas story of Jesus' birth, St. Joseph was nonetheless integral, crucial - if not the center piece. **Does St. Joseph model and inspire us today? *If he were here as we birth Christ into our world, what could we learn from him?*** Scripture reveals a bit about Joseph by his role in Jesus' family - loving father to Jesus and faithful, caring spouse to Mary. Here are just some of those traits and how they might mirror today.



Joseph was a risk taker. As a man open to listening to God's whisper, Joseph was able to take Mary as his wife in the face of a scandalous pregnancy. He took an enormous risk to his standing in the community and perhaps even his livelihood. Today, are we able to be risk takers? ***Can we be Jesus' voice and hands in the face of injustices in this country?*** Are we afraid of losing customers, hunting pals, clients and the comfortable feeling of just "going along and not saying anything" because, after all, can we really make a difference?

Joseph was a protector. He shielded Mary from the shunning of the community; he guided her, perilously pregnant, to Bethlehem. He hastily took the family to Egypt to avoid death at Herod's command. How is being protective demonstrated today? Do we always drive safely and make sure our vehicles are in good repair (especially those of our teen drivers?) Do we avoid actions that put our loved ones at risk? If there are firearms in the home, are they securely stored? If our child is being bullied, do we confront the problem without escalating it? Do we protect our family by modeling responsible behavior around alcohol or drugs? ***Do we provide a safe refuge from toxic beliefs, attitudes, speech and behaviors, and do we refrain from them ourselves?***

Joseph was a provider and a worker. As a carpenter Joseph was able to give Mary and Jesus a sustainable home and provide for their physical needs. ***Today, roles have evolved.*** What if the wife is the primary wage earner? Is the husband still not being a provider by supporting his wife in her career, perhaps by staying home with children when they are young, or being the main chauffeur to appointments, or buying groceries and preparing meals? Aren't both parents providers?

Joseph was a listener. The angel spoke in a dream, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife." And again, after the Magi had departed, "an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream" and warned him to flee to Egypt. During their sojourn there, again in a dream an angel told Joseph that Herod was dead, and they could safely return. How can Joseph's listening be a template for us today since most of us aren't having angels appear in our dreams? The followers of St. Benedict have a phrase –

"Listen with the Ear of Your Heart" – something Joseph certainly did. ***For us today, listening "with the ear of our heart" may mean allowing children and adolescents an open space to share their delicate or scary feelings, being able to "hear them" rather than racing ahead to our own comments. It means providing a "safe space" for all conversations, including with people with whom we disagree. It involves empathy, compassion and not racing to judgment.***

Can we today follow in St. Joseph's footsteps to birth Christ in our family, our church and community, our nation and the world?

Let us pray, that it may be so!

Care for Creation

CHRISTMAS

A time of wonder, a time of hope

God comes into our world as a baby, a mystery and a beautiful miracle. At Christmastime we are reminded of the joy and amazement children experience in the mystery, the small things and simple ways of this life. With the same wonder, we can all share in this delight with a sense of gratitude and awe of creation. We can all feel a profound hope that connects us to others who are working to live more simply on our precious earth.

During Advent we wait....and we prepare for that baby to come, bringing hope where there may be none. Hope that takes us past our fears and encourages us to be part of creating the kingdom of heaven on Earth. During Advent our work was to find a way to live simply, to dedicate our lives and our work to preserving all the good of God's creation and to continue the work of making new what has been overused, abused and destroyed.

Now, in the new year to come, our task is to continue that work every day, every week. Starting in January, try something new---try the Slow Sunday Challenge, making each Sunday a slow day that is entirely different from all the other days of the week. Don't buy anything. Don't balance the checkbook. Don't clean house. Don't plan anything. Enjoy your family and friends. Take a walk. Play. Laugh. Daydream. Wander. Read. Rest. Pray. With the time to rest and re-focus built into our schedules, our priorities may shift. We may find that consuming loses some of its appeal; that appreciation for each other and the universe grows. In this way we can do our part to slow the destruction of our Mother Earth. (1)

In the words of Pope Leo, "Care for creation is truly a vocation for every human being. We are creatures among creatures, entrusted with the responsibility to care for all that the creator has made."

Oh God, send your Holy Spirit
like a wind that changes the way we relate to
each other and to nature,
like a fresh breeze that purifies our
intentions,
like the fire that ignites our being with your
love for our common home and those who
live in it.
Make us overflow with joy once again when
we contemplate your wonders. Amen



Permission to reprint prayer obtained from Catholic Relief Services

(1) Excerpt taken from the sermon of Sherry Golden, October 4, 2008. Earth Ministry's 16th Annual Celebration of St. Francis Creation-Care Sermon Contest



Warm Hearts

January drive for new blankets & towels
to gift the poor on Valentine's Day

an ecumenical ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena



Left to right: Associates Linda McCray
& Bobby Lavinder making towel sets.

*SCL Associates are persons who share in the spirit
of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Community.*

Donations Serve

God's Love
Good Samaritan Ministries
Family Promise
YWCA
The Friendship Center
Rocky Mountain Development Center
Helena Community Offender Reentry Program

2 Ways to Donate

Place your gift in our donation boxes.
Online orders through our Amazon Gift Registry.



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Legendary Lodge 2026 CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 14-19 Junior High #1

July 12-17 High School #2

June 21-26 High School #1

July 19-24 Junior High #2

July 5-10 5/6th Grade Boys

July 26-31 5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5th**. Opens for all other registrants Jan 9th.



Join us for Family Camp!

June 28-30

**Registration opens
March 2nd, 2026**

Camp Rates

Early Bird:
(Register before Jan 25th)

\$425

Standard:

\$450



SAVE THE DATE

Please Join Us!

MARCH for LIFE

January 16, 2026

This year's Keynote Speaker is **Kristan Hawkins**, CEO of the Pro-Life Generation and President of Students for Life of America and Students for Life Action. She is a frequent speaker and analyst on the topics of abortion, feminism and disability advocacy. She has spent nearly two decades building a national network of more than 1500+ campus Students for Life groups in all 50 states.

She hosts "The Kristan Hawkins Show" weekly and discusses trending news items from a pro-life perspective. Her writings and interviews have appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Fox News, CNN, CBS, NBC, ABC, Newsweek, and NPR.

In addition to what is sure to be an informative and inspiring presentation by our Keynote Speaker, additional speakers will provide updates on Planned Parenthood facility closures and the latest developments regarding dissemination of the Abortion Pill. There are also plans to honor the life and legacy of **Charlie Kirk**.

This event is sponsored by:



For the latest updates on this event, please use this QR code to go to the ProLife Montana events page





Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed December 24th-January 5th.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



The Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be December 31st at 5:30 PM.

This is a holy day of obligation.



God's Love



God's Love is in need of blankets and pillows. These do not need to be new, but lightly used. There is a box in the Gathering Space for donations. Please, no heavy comforters.



Mass of Remembrance Photos



Photos from the Mass of Remembrance Display are available to be picked up in the Parish Office!

Family Promise Thank You

Saint Mary Catholic Community hosted families from Family Promise at First Christian Church December 28th– January 3rd. We, Volunteer Coordinators, want to thank the many people that helped us provide this ministry. We appreciate the people that prepared meals, stayed overnight as hosts, bought groceries, and included the families in their prayers.



We are grateful that we were assisted, especially during this busy holiday season, to provide for our guests.
Thank you!



Sandi Ashley, Casey Molloy, Katie Meyer, Nancy Robinson, Catherine Ortwein

Parish Administrator

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Parish Administrator to provide support for the day-to-day general operation and management of the parish. The Parish Administrator will direct ministries of worship, education and formation, human and social justice concerns, finance and budget, human resources and administration. The Parish Administrator works in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Pastor, and in cooperation with other parish leadership to motivate, enable, and affirm the parish community in its efforts. The Parish Administrator supports the vision and mission of Saint Mary Catholic Community.

Candidates must be an active participant in the work of the Catholic Church, a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and be able to partake in the sacramental life of the Church. An advanced degree (Bachelor's or Master's) in Business Administration/Management or equivalent education/experience is requested. A degree in Pastoral Ministry is preferred. Three years' experience in administration of an organization or program is desired. This is a fulltime, salaried position, with benefits. Annual salary range is \$60,000 - \$63,500, depending on experience.



For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at www.stmaryhelena.org.

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelena.org. This position will remain open until filled.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner



THANK YOU! To all who celebrated the Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner... It truly was a **FEAST** of wonderful Mexican Dishes prepared by Adam & Erika Menendez AND the men (Joe Beausoleil, Scott Buswell, Jim Edgar, Hal Nelson, Larry Smith). THANK YOU!!!

To the many hands who planned, set up, decorated, served and cleaned up...
THANK YOU!!!

To Lacey Galen for your beautiful introduction... THANK YOU!!! To Maureen White for sharing the beautiful interpretive rendering... THANK YOU!!!!

“Today, as yesterday, Our Lady of Guadalupe wants to encounter us, just as one day she encountered Juan Diego on the little hill of Tepeyac. She wants to remain with us.



She begs us to allow her to be our mother, to open our lives to her Son Jesus, and to receive her message so that we may learn to love as He does.” *Colleen Dulle*

Giving Tree

Once again Saint Mary Catholic Community has shown its generous spirit! The Giving Tree was a huge success! There were over 400 tags and 15 envelopes on the trees. All of the envelopes were taken and money given. Most of the tags were taken and fulfilled. The 10 agencies serviced were extremely grateful for all of the gifts given! Thank you to all who contributed money, bought from the sale table, took tags, or all three!

Thank you to Shane, Molly, Bradie and Lily Somerville and Marc Buyske for hanging all of the tags on the tree. Thank you to Shane Somerville, Ryan, Meghan, Tyson, Charlotte and Dylan Schulte and Marc Buyske for all of the help sorting, counting and boxing all of the packages.

Thank you to the present wrappers: Cheri Larson, Danita Murray, Nancy Coleman, Kristi Irwin, Catherine Ortwein, Betsy Baumgart, Ondrea Dukart, Mary Munger, Katie Meyer, Nancy Robinson, Mo Leo, Mary Martinez, Molly Somerville, Joe and Helen Beausoleil, Meghan, Tyson and Charlotte Schulte, Dave Krainacker and Nina Heinzinger, Lana Somerville, Diane Eodice, Karen Miller, Marge McGinley, Kathy Hubley, and Kelli Gustafson. They wrapped over a 100 presents and had everything cleaned up in an hour and a half!

Thank you to Marc Buyske who put together a large amount of boxes and helped in multiple ways. He was inadvertently left off the Mrs. Santa's Kitchen thank you. He was also a baker and a decorator.

Giving Tree 2025 is a wrap! Many Christmases will be brighter because of the generosity of this parish. Thank you!



The Creche – Saint Mary Catholic Community

Do you have a Nativity/Creche at your home? Perhaps it is a special family heirloom or tradition to set out the figures of the Nativity. Did you know we have a special creche at Saint Mary's, one that was designed and carved by a local artist from Helena?

In 1989 Scot Walter was commissioned by the parish Liturgical commission to create and sculpt our Creche. As a sculptor he was diligent in not only the carving but he also studied the history of the time of Jesus to be accurate and authentic in his depictions of the figures. One interesting fact is that the wood he used he is yellow poplar from the Anselmo mine yard in Butte.

Through the years the figures are placed throughout the Advent/Christmas season. You are invited to take time and observe the figures as part of your Advent/Christmas reflection. Notice the details in the figures. Did you know that Joseph is holding the type of oil lamp that would have been used at that time? Note the presence of a woman in the scene and a crippled Shepherd. Do you wonder why? And the Three Kings... at that time they were astronomers or astrologists studying the stars.

The Creche at Saint Mary is our special Nativity. It calls us to reflect on a Christmas tradition...but hopefully it calls us to find anew Christ born into our world...Christ born into our hearts.

We invite you to check out these two links on our parish website: The **Creche History** video and **Blessing of a Nativity** for your family as you set out your home nativity this year.

Parish Phone Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be a part of the parish prayer chain and don't have access to email, please call Keaton at 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.

Prayers for the Deceased

Dolores Slovarp

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.

Save the Date: Parish Day of Reflection

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, January 24th • 9:30am–12:30pm

(Lunch included)

We're thrilled to welcome **Fr. Dan Shea** as this year's presenter for our **Parish Day of Reflection**, diving into the powerful theme **"Falling Upward"**

Drawing inspiration from Richard Rohr's insights, this day will explore how the very moments we experience as "falling"—our failures, losses, disappointments, and unexpected turns—can actually become the gateway to deeper spiritual growth.

Rather than seeing these moments as setbacks, Rohr teaches that God often uses them to loosen our grip on ego, open our hearts, and guide us into a more authentic, grace-filled relationship with Him. What looks like breaking down can become breaking open.

Come be renewed, encouraged, and surprised by the ways God works in our struggles to draw us closer to Himself.

All are invited!

Our parish is a supporter of a number of outreach organizations in town, including:

Catholic Social Services : 406-442-4130



Guided by a commitment to respect for life, CSSM serves the varied needs of mothers, babies and children by building and strengthening families in Montana.

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.

Options Clinic: 406-422-1011



Guided by a commitment to respect for life, Options offers a wide range of health care services to men and women free of charge. (www.optionsfriends.org)

If the good work of any of these organizations resonates with your desire to serve, please feel free to contact them—and please mention that you are from Saint Mary Catholic Community.

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Stephen Ceo	Andrew McGuffey
Jack Cotter	Nathan Mill
Tristan Anne Driessen	Nicholas T Nelson
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