Mass Schedule:

4:00 pm
Sunday Mass
9:00 am
Weekday Masses:
Monday
12:10 pm
(NO MASS Tuesdays or Wednesdays)
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
Next care facility Mass
December 17th
11:00 AM Cooney

Reconciliation: Thursdays 3:30 PM —5:00 PM
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
Office Closed:
Wednesday, November 25th thru Friday, November 27th

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Click here to watch our livestreams
Click here to become a parishioner

Saint Mary Catholic Community

November 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and November 29th, First Sunday of Advent, 2026



Upcoming events

Tuesday, November 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, November 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 Reconciliation service at 6:00 PM

Masses November 22-November 28 at Saint Mary

Sunday, November 22nd
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12;15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

9:00 AM Mass–
for Matin and Mary Costello ╬
rb Rita Costello

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Monday, November 23rd
12:10 PM Daily Mass
Revelation 14:14-19 ; Luke 21:1-4
12:10 PM Mass
for Mildred, William, and Robert Fleiner ╬
rb Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

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Tuesday, November 24th No Mass
Memorial of Saint Andres Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companion, Martyrs
Revelation 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11

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Wednesday, November 25th No Mass
Saint Catherine of Alexandra, Virgin and Martyr
Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

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Thursday, November 26th
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3; Luke 21:20-28
for Steven Moore ╬
rb Carolyn and Hal Nelson
and for Peggie Jo Spada ╬
rb Joann Christnacht

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Friday, November 27th No Mass
Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33

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Saturday, November 28st
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 22:1-7 Luke 21:36
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil-
the people of Saint Mary Catholic Community

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

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  - Daily Mass 12:10 PM
  - Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM in the social center
  - No OCIA
- **Tuesday, November 24th**
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- **Wednesday, November 25th**
  - Office Closed
  - 12:00-1:00 PM Prayer in Motion
  - No Elementary RE
  - No Youth Ministry
- **Thursday, November 26th**
  - Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM
  - Office Closed
  - No Daily 12:10 PM Mass
  - No Catholicism 101
  - No Confessions
- **Friday, November 27th**
  - Office Closed
- **Saturday, November 28th**
  - 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions
- **Sunday, November 29th**
  - No CLOW



Parish Staff at your service

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Saint Mary Catholic Community
Stewardship
A Way of Life

Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards, we walk into the Advent season with anticipation and joy. We gather at 2 advent evening prayers to take a break from the bustle of the season and focus on the reason we celebrate on December 5th and 12th at 5:30 PM.

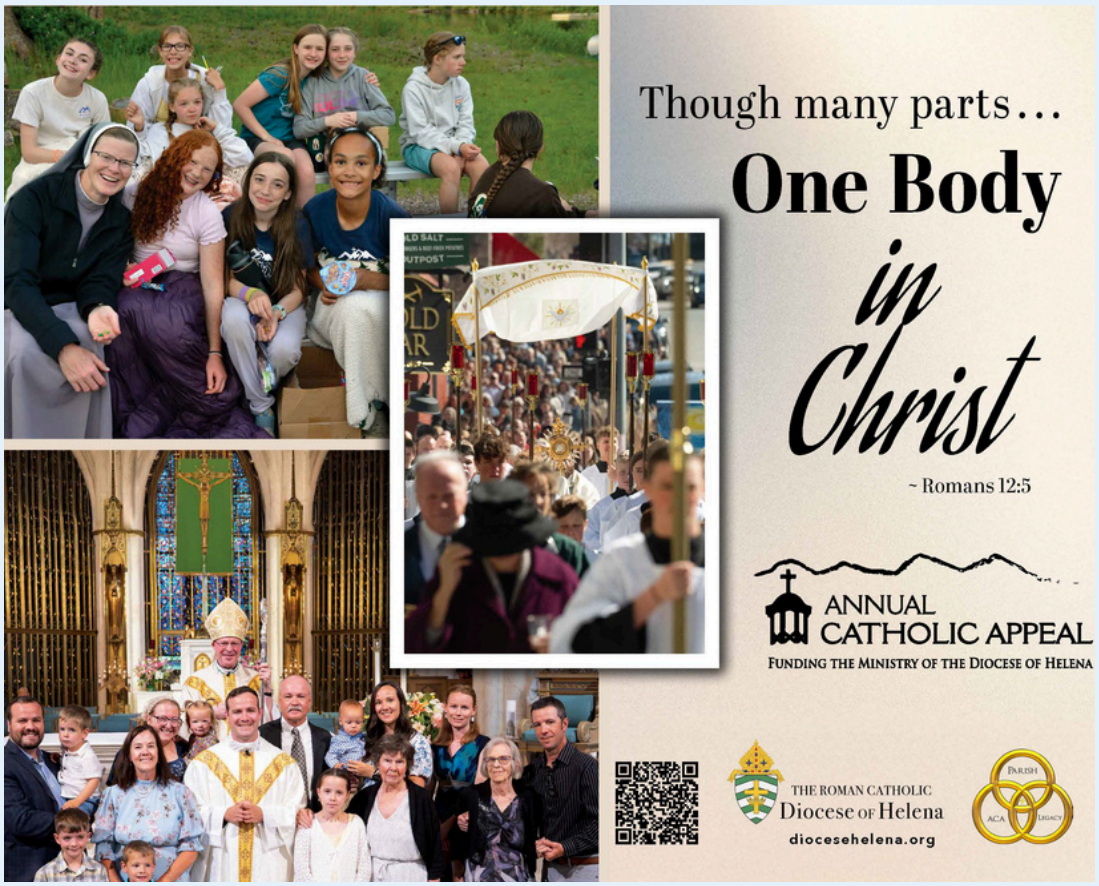
As ministering stewards, we continue our support of families and children with our giving tree this season by purchasing gifts, donating money, and helping with wrapping gifts.

As sacrificing stewards,

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Collections:
11/13/26-11/19/26
Total Donations: $13,729

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.



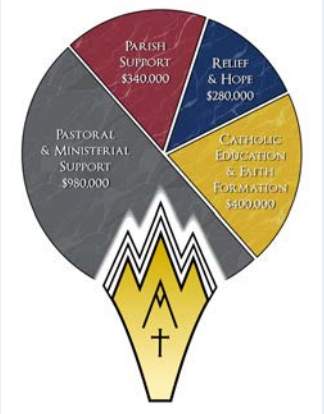
We Are Stronger Together

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

You can respond with a gift through check or online at diocesehelena.org.

Total goal: $89,600
Total received:: $7,725
8.67% toward goal from 12 parish households.

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



SUPPORT CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal 2026/27, the Diocese of Helena will continue to spread the Good News of our Faith. The Diocesan Newsletter will continue to reach all parish affiliated families while diocesan websites, www.diocesehelena.org, www.dohyouth.org, and www.legendarylodge.org will continue to provide connections to the ministries of the diocese. National Catholic radio programming extends our ability to communicate, both within and beyond our diocese.

SMCC Solar Energy

As of Friday, November 20th at 12:00 pm, SMCC solar panels have produced 233.77 MWh of energy worth $26,883.25!

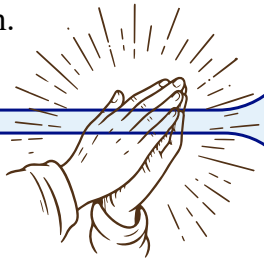
Prayer part 14

The Mass and prayer

The Mass contains many lessons on prayer. The most important of all the lessons is that prayer is a dialogue. At times we speak with God and at other times we listen. Both of these poles of prayer are necessary for truly entering into prayer. Too often we focus on the first part, speaking to God. Yes, we need to speak to him. We need to tell him how we feel and what is going on in our lives. Although the dialogue of the Mass is highly structured with little input from us, this doesn't exclude us from entering into the dialogue even during Mass. We are encouraged to bring our needs and concerns with us to every Mass and offer them in the silence of our hearts. A good example of how we enter the dialogue with our own voices is the Prayers of the Faithful. These prayers are meant to echo the feelings of the faithful and to offer our general needs to the Lord. So, on the one pole, the Mass does allow us to voice our prayers and to enter the dialogue with our own needs. The part of the Mass that most people struggle with is listening. St. Benedict in his rule for monks, begins the rule with the word "listen." Listening is a critical part of our spiritual lives. We need to be able to hear God's voice as he calls to us and invites us into a relationship with him. The Liturgy of the Word is designed to teach us how to listen. As the readings are proclaimed, God speaks to his people. Too often we got caught in the trap that our goal is to understand the entire reading or be able to know Scripture from the Mass. Knowing Scripture means to know Christ. The best way for us to engage with the Liturgy of the Word is to listen well. What themes or ideas stuck out to us? In what way is God inviting us to listen to him? What struck us in the Mass or caused us to ponder? God is speaking to us. The second part of the Liturgy of the Word is our response. The Church teaches us how to respond to Scripture. Through the Responsorial Psalm we are taught not only how to respond to the 1st reading but also how to speak the words of the psalm. Again, the responses to each reading – "thanks be to God" – echoes the response we should have to hearing the Word of God.

The second lesson that the Mass teaches us about prayer is consistency. Let's be honest, we are a society that easily gets bored. We do not like watching the same show over again or repeating tasks. The Mass can feel repetitive or even mundane. Every Sunday is largely the same. When we are struggling and need stability, the structure and stability of the Mass can be healing. If we are hoping for more excitement, we probably won't find it. The same applies to prayer. If we build a routine to pray each day, after a while it is going to feel repetitive and then lose its appeal. The Mass teaches us consistency. God doesn't change but we do. In order for us to fully engage with God, it will take some discipline and consistency on our part. The never-changing aspect of the Mass helps us to realize that prayer is valuable even when we don't feel it. Prayer is valuable even if we don't feel like praying. We can still encounter God even though we don't feel him. We need the Mass to be the "antidote to the modern world" as Pope Francis called it so that our relationship with God is not based on our feelings but on an act of our will to choose him.

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.

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!





Coffee Corner--visit and have cookies!



-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 at 4:00 pm..

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

Spring events are still being worked out.

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



Ministry Highlight:

As I get to know the parish better, I want to start highlight ministries throughout Saint Mary to help everyone come to know the different ministries we have..

If you would like to come visit your ministry or group, please let me know.

Fr. Cody





Maintenance Ministry

I recently restarted the Maintenance Ministry with the goal of promoting the care of our building and grounds and providing avenues for those with expertise in building maintenance to help our parish.
The Maintenance Ministry aids the parish with many different types of maintenance concerns including painting, minor repairs, care of our grounds, and other like projects. They are dedicated to the maintenance and care of our buildings and grounds. If you would like more information or are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Allison at the parish office!

Faith Formation Opportunities

Youth Ministry Updates

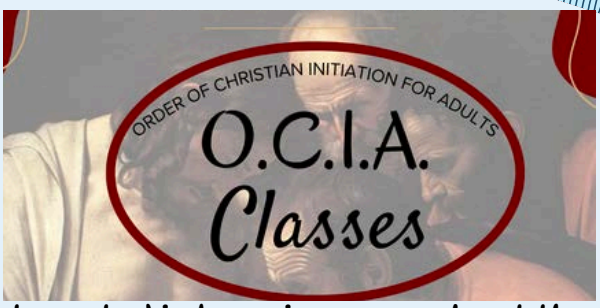


Information about Legendary Lodge summer camps can be found on the kiosk or by visiting legendarylodge.org. Scholarships may be available. Contact Mary O'Donnell for more information.

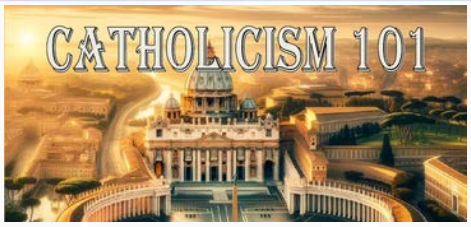
No Youth group November 25th.
December 2nd OLV from 6:30-8.
December 9th OLV from 6:30-8.
December 16th OLV deanery get together
Ugly Sweater Party!







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.



No session November 27th.
You can find copies of the notes from the classes on our website under the Catholicism tab and download as a PDF. There are also copies availabe in the gathering space.

Elementary RE Wednesday
No class November 25th.
Please contact Lori at the parish office (406-442-5268) if you have any questions!





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!

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.





Thanksgiving Day Mass



November 26
9:00 AM

Attention Lectors:
If you have not picked up a Lector Book for the new year, they are available in the gathering space. Thank you!

Devotions on Draft will meet on Monday, November 23rd at 6 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1867 Washington Street in Helena. It will be a Friendsgiving potluck, so please bring something to share. Ben Slakely will be the guest speaker for this event.

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!

Many thanks to those who so generously lent their statues of saints for the Saint Mary All SaintsStatue Array.
The array adds a special touch to our celebration of the communion of saints! You can pick up you statue(s) at the parish office.



Congratulations to Briggs Paulson on his baptism November 14, 2026. Congratulations to his parents Keith and Kendra!

Prayers for the Deceased

Justin Parker Malone
Nephew of Barbara Parker

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.

Please note:

Mass will be livestreamed at the 9:00 am on Sunday, November 29th.

Thank You

The Jubilee Garden ministry provided **6,476** pounds of fresh organic produce to our friends at Friends at Food Share. We had nearly 70 volunteers. This included gardeners, parishioners, community members and college students from both Helena College and Carroll College. Our gardeners ranged in age from less than two to the mid-eighties. We were able to give a second life to over a thousand plastic containers and hundreds of boxes. Finally, our community garden has now donated over **50,000 pounds** since opening in 2016. Thank you for all your support and prayers. And thanks and praise be to God for His boundless blessings.





Thank you to everyone who helped with all our service projects!

Special thanks to our amazing leaders:
Deb Larson, Lois Menzies, Gary Grzebielski, Deb Kralicek and Maria Foot!


Box Assembly





Blessing Bags























Food Sorting; bagging potatoes

Masses November 29-December 5 at Saint Mary

Sunday, November 29th
The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

9:00 AM Mass–
for Jim Christnacht ╬
rb Joann Christnacht

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Monday, November 30th
12:10 PM Daily Mass
Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
12:10 PM Mass
for Katie and Kevin Kirwan ╬
rb Michael and Mary Foot

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Tuesday, December 1st No Mass
Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24

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Wednesday, December 2nd No Mass
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

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Thursday, December 3rd
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
12:10 AM AM Daily Mass
Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27
for Mary and Elmer Olson ╬
rb Michael and Mary Foot

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Friday, December 4th No Mass
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

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Saturday, December 5th
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
2:30 PM– 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Vigil-
for Vivian Bruski ╬
rb Bill and Charlotte Fleiner
for Cindy LaCour ╬
rb Tony Duvernay



Pope's Intentions for December 2026

For single-parent families

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

At A Glance

- **Monday, November 30th**
  - Daily Mass 12:10 PM
  - Grief Group 1:00-2:30 PM
  - OCIA 5:15 PM
- **Wednesday, December 2nd**
  - Prayer in Motion 12:00 PM
  - 3:30-5:00 PM Elementary RE
  - 6:30 PM Youth Ministry at OLV
- **Thursday, Decmber 3rd**
  - Catholicism 101 12:45-2 PM
  - Confessions 3:30-5:00 PM
- **Saturday, December 5th**
  - **Mrs. Santa's Kitchen 9:00-12:00 in the social center**
  - 2:30-3:30 PM Confessions
  - Advent Evening Prayer 5:30 PM
- **Sunday, December 6th**
  - CLOW at the 9:00 Mass





Please join us in reflection of the advent season with our Advent Evening Prayers Saturday, December 5th and Saturday, December 12th at 5:30 PM

Parish Reconcilation Service December 17th at 6:00 PM

Prayer part 15
Mass as prayer

The most common challenge in prayer is moving from prayer as a dialogue to prayer as an encounter with God. Although we need to speak with God and come to know his voice, we also need to know him. One of the most important advantages of the Mass is that we get to encounter God as he is. He is a mystery, a being beyond our imagination who meets us in his spoken word, in ritual, and in physical signs – The Eucharist. The Mass teaches us to contemplate God and to enter into the mystery of who he is.

The Eucharistic Prayer was given to us that we may enter into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Let's capture this moment. As the ritual proceeds, we hear the words of Jesus spoken at the Last Supper and we see it presented to us in gestures. This type of prayer is a version of contemplative prayer. We are brought into the event that brought us our salvation so that it can be present to us again. As we see the signs and symbols displayed before us, we are challenged to let our minds ponder this great mystery. This is prayer. We are not speaking and God is not necessarily speaking to us. Instead, we are given a moment in the life of God to sit with and ponder. The best way to describe this is Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him. She is not just listening to words but pondering the mystery of God present before her. We too need to realize this truth. The Eucharistic Prayer is not just a ritual but the life, death, and Resurrection being manifest to us so that we can enter into the mystery of our salvation brought through Jesus.
Let's expand this idea and bring it into our personal prayer. We can enter into the same type of prayer during our personal prayer times. Anytime we take an event from the lift of Jesus and allow ourselves to ponder it, enter into the event, allow the event to unfold before us, we are praying with the life of Jesus. It's this simple. Take a passage from the Gospels and allow yourself to imagine that you are there. What does it feel like? What are you seeing? What is the experience like? How does this moment help us to understand God?

Although I isolated the Eucharistic Prayer as the prime example of us entering into the life of Jesus, the entire Mass is meant to help make present his entire life. We could ponder the readings being proclaimed as Jesus telling us about his life and preaching to us. We could ponder the gift of the Our Father as our prayer and the Communion Rite as celebrating the life of Jesus within us. The more we understand the desire of God to bring us into his life and to help us to encounter him in the contemplation of his life, the more we will see more avenues for this type of prayer. I encourage you to take some time to allow yourself to sit with the signs and symbols, the words and dialogue, the events of the Mass as they unfold the mystery of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection to us.

Fr. Cody





The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, December 7th at 5:30 PM and Tuesday, December 8th at 12:10 PM

Christmas Giving Tree

will be in the gathering space starting 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. We have over 350 tags on the tree this year.



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



The spirit of Dorothy Day lives on in the generous spirit of the Saint Mary Catholic Community giving tree. Take a tag from the tree and see the pictures at the Parish Diversity Celebration place.

Walking To the Crèche

Each week of Advent we will follow along with some of the crèche figures as they look for the Lord.

The first week we walk with the shepherds whose path is lit by the light of a star. They look up and are alert and watchful for the One they seek. But as shepherds they don't forget to look down at the sheep they keep safe and care for.



We too, anticipate the One who is coming. Do we look down or around us and find those who need to be kept safe or cared for?



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th Christmas Eve
4:00 PM (Joyful Noise Choir Prelude)
and 10:00 PM

December 25th Christmas Day
9:00 AM

Join us on December 19th for Mass with Bishop Vetter at 4:00PM with a reception to follow

Behind the Peace of Advent

We usually think of Advent as a quiet time for reflection, prayer and anticipation of the birth of Jesus – a time away from the chaotic consumerism of pre-Christmas. **However, the themes of Advent present a picture of disruption, a search for justice and the upending of oppressive systems. It is more than "peaceful anticipation."**

- When Mary proclaims the **Magnificat**, her prayer turns social structures upside down – claiming that the Lord will cast down the mighty from their thrones, fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away empty. She proclaims God will scatter "the proud in their conceit." **What do those words mean to us today? Are we not meant to speak "truth to power" and work for the common good?**
- Scripture readings for Advent include many passages from the Prophet Isiah including Is 2:4: "He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Is this not a challenge to all peoples to pursue peace, not violence? To end wars, not advocate for, start or excuse them?**
- Jesus was not only born into poverty, he and his parents were refugees, fleeing to Egypt to avoid certain death under Herod. **Are we not hearing today similar stories of families fleeing threats from gang violence and political instability? Are we not asked to welcome and support migrants and refugees as they seek stability and safety?**

This Advent may we practice ACTIVE REFLECTION rather than PASSIVE REFLECTION and may we be moved to work for justice, peace, truth and care for the common good.

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Welcome

Ministry Highlight:

Welcoming Ministry

In our parish we have several groups dedicated to hospitality and care for those who are visitors and those who are in our parish. All of these group are an essential part of our desire to be a welcome presence to everyone. The Welcoming Ministry has a special focus on those who are visiting or new to our parish. They organize the welcome events including the gift bags and new commers dinners.

Their main goal is to help anyone new to our parish feel welcome and accepted.



CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: 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

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-

We pray for the vocation of the priesthood.



Knights of Columbus®

Council 844, Helena, Montana

5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

November 29, 2026

8AM-1PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
1867 N. WASHINGTON STREET

There is no charge for breakfast but any donations will benefit "Kindness Makes Miracles" which promotes kindness and anti-bullying in memory of Kelly O'Loughlin



SUPPORT THOSE IN MOST NEED

The situation of poverty in rural Guatemala diminishes access to education and medical care for many indigenous people who live in the area of Guatemala's Boca Costa served by the Helena Mission. At Santiago de La Asunción School, a Jesuit-sponsored group, Fe y Alegria, is providing for direct education costs. At the same time, your contribution to the 2026/27 Annual Catholic Appeal provides a boarding opportunity for young people who live at a distance, as well as building maintenance and other administrative costs. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal also allows the Clinica Maxeña to provide for all who come seeking medical attention, including those who cannot afford the minimal consultation fee (about $5), and to assist with costs for those who need specialized care (such as cancer treatment) at a Guatemala City or other regional medical facility. We are grateful for your financial support, which translates into medical and educational services that begin to improve the lives of the indigenous people living in the Mission area. Please keep the work of the Guatemala Mission in your prayers. Loving Our Neighbors in Guatemala.

Save the date for Our Lady of Guadelupe dinner December 12th Details soon.



Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.



Sacred

Each person is SACRED, made in God's image, equal in dignity.



Social

Each person is SOCIAL, called to participate in family and community.



Rights & Responsibilities

All people have RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES, the right to life and its necessities, and the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.



Preferential Option for the Poor

We care for people who are POOR and vulnerable before all else.



Dignity of Work

Workers have rights. WORK has dignity.



Partners in Creation

We are partners with God in creation.



Solidarity

SOLIDARITY is our call. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.



Care for Creation

We are for CREATION. We live in interdependence with all God has made.

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.

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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.

We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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Marcus Peter
Lucas Robson
Colby Smith
Natasha Walker
Andrew Welch



By the grace of God may peace reside in every human heart and in all the world. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the Parish Office on (406)442-5268.



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.

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)

Hospital Communion Ministry

The Pastoral Care Ministry of Saint Mary Catholic Community would love to provide you with comfort during your hospital stay. If you'd like to receive Communion from a Pastoral Care Minister or Father Cody Williams, please contact the office at 406-442-5268 and let us know you are in the hospital.

St. Peter's Health

THE BLESSING BOX NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Thank you so much for your continued support of our Parish Blessing Box. Winter is coming, 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.

Thank you for your donations. God bless!

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