

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQR7D-gy6Z3TmeXSQ5Sk45w/featured>

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

Reconciliation

Wednesday:

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

3:00—4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed & Thurs 12:10 p.m.

Friday Care Center Masses

February 14— Touchmark

February 21— Cooney

March 7— Mount Ascension



February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

Luke 5:10

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.”

Luke 6:21

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, February 9th—The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11

8:00 AM Mass—for Patti Skakles✙
rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

Monday, February 10th—11:00 AM Funeral Mass for James Christnacht

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 11th

Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

12:10 PM Mass—for the Deceased Members
of the Foot Family
rb: Michael and Mary Foot

Wednesday, February 12th

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

12:10 PM Mass—for Jim Christnacht✙
rb: Mary Lou Garrett

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 13th—No Mass

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Office Closed for Fr. John Robertson's Funeral

Friday, February 14th

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

10:30 AM Mass at Touchmark
for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

Saturday, February 15th

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vigil—for Clif Caughron✙
rb: Margy Kernan

Sunday, February 16th—The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

8:00 AM Mass—for Tim Schroeder✙
rb: Mary Schroeder

10:30 AM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

Monday, February 17th—No Mass

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday February 18th

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:22-26

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, February 19th

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

12:10 PM Mass

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 20th

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

10:00 AM Mass at Son Heaven
for the intentions of the people at Son Heaven
12:10 PM Mass

Friday, February 21st

Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:35-9:1

10:30 Mass at Cooney
for the intentions of the people at Cooney

Saturday, February 22nd

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
4:30PM Mass



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We honored the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., and gave quiet attention to the beauty of creation all around us in this season of winter. May we all take a moment in our daily lives to acknowledge the greatness and beauty of our God!

As ministering stewards: We continue to minister to our church family through our grief ministries, outreach ministries, and hospitality weekends. We also gathered to learn about how to better participate in our society, both at the local and state level, with Matt Brower's talk on the Call to Family, Community and Participation.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received: 7/1/24 – 1/31/25 \$306,217

Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget: 7/1/24 – 1/31/25 \$320,188

Difference: (Received – Budget): **-\$13,971**

Maintenance & Repair Needs and Gifts (FY 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 1/31/25))

Church Sky Light Repair (Estimate): \$14,465

Church Furnace replacement: \$12,025

Font Repair: \$20,000

Regular Maintenance & Repair: \$18,720

Current Need: \$65,210

Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received: \$22,503

Difference: (Received – Need): **-\$42,707**

Praise God and Thank You for your prayers, your share in ministry, and your sacrificial giving!



Parish Staff and Parish Councils at your service

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Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the Jubilee Indulgence

To the faithful of the Diocese of Helena:

Greetings to you this Jubilee Year of Hope! Last May, our Holy Father Pope Francis released the Bull of Indiction *Spes non confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint") announcing this Jubilee Year 2025. A Jubilee Year is a significant time in the life of the Church marked by pilgrimages, processions, and a special invitation to the Sacrament of Penance. In it, we are called to receive God's mercy by participating in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and, in a special way, through the practice of the Jubilee Indulgence. In response to this, and in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, I, Austin Anthony Vetter, Bishop of Helena, hereby designate the following sacred places within the Diocese of Helena as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- ❖ Cathedral of St. Helena, Helena
- ❖ St. Teresa of the Little Flower Church, Browning
- ❖ St. Joseph Church, Libby
- ❖ St. Ignatius Mission Church, St. Ignatius
- ❖ St. Rose of Lima Church, Dillon
- ❖ Holy Rosary Church, Bozeman
- ❖ All Saints Chapel, Carroll College, Helena

These sacred places have been chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion among the people of God. The visit is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God. In making a pilgrimage or pious visit to these sacred places, the faithful may gain the Plenary Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (or another service such as the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, or the Rosary) and Reception of Holy Communion (at least within 7 days before or after the visit)
- Prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis
- A sincere detachment from sin, including making a Sacramental Confession (at least within 7 days before or after the visit)

Those who cannot participate in a pilgrimage or pious visit for a serious reason may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by being truly repentant, reciting the Lord's Prayer, Nicene Creed, and prayers for the Jubilee Year, offering up their sufferings. Furthermore, the faithful may obtain the indulgence by participating seriously in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as if making pilgrimage to Christ present in those served, especially to share hope.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day at a Eucharistic Celebration, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on that same day, applicable only to the deceased.

The period for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence coincides with the Jubilee Year, as outlined by the Holy See, beginning December 29, 2024, and ending on December 28, 2025.

Given at the Center for Catholic Life in Helena, Montana, on this 4th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two-thousand twenty-five.

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

Ecclesiastical Notary

From Father Tim

As the efforts to repair our baptismal font continue, we can look to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for guidance and wisdom concerning our baptistery.

The rites of baptism, the first of the sacraments of initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the Church is entrance into a Eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the Church begin with baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of baptism to the altar. This integral relationship between the baptismal font and the altar can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, such as placing the font and altar on the same architectural axis, using natural or artificial lighting, using the same floor patterns, and using common or similar materials and elements of design.

The location of the baptismal font, its design, and the materials used for its construction are important considerations in the planning and design of the building. It is customary to locate the baptismal font either in a special area within the main body of the church or in a separate baptistery. Through the waters of baptism the faithful enter the life of Christ. For this reason the font should be visible and accessible to all who enter the church building. While the baptistery is proportioned to the building itself and should be able to hold a good number of people, its actual size will be determined by the needs of the local community.

Water is the key symbol of baptism and the focal point of the font. In this water believers die to sin and are reborn to new life in Christ. In designing the font and the iconography in the baptismal area, the parish will want to consider the traditional symbolism that has been the inspiration for the font's design throughout history. The font is a symbol of both tomb and womb; its power is the power of the triumphant cross; and baptism sets the Christian on the path to the life that will never end, the "eighth day" of eternity where Christ's reign of peace and justice is celebrated.

The following criteria can be helpful when choosing the design for the font:

1. One font that will accommodate the baptism of both infants and adults symbolizes the one faith and one baptism that Christians share. The size and design of the font can facilitate the dignified celebration for all who are baptized at the one font.
2. The font should be large enough to supply ample water for the baptism of both adults and infants. Since baptism in Catholic churches may take place by immersion in the water, or by infusion (pouring), fonts that permit all forms of baptismal practice are encouraged.
3. Baptism is a sacrament of the whole Church and, in particular, of the local parish community. Therefore the ability of the congregation to participate in baptisms is an important consideration.
4. The location of the baptistery will determine how, and how actively, the entire liturgical assembly can participate in the rite of baptism.
5. Because of the essential relationship of baptism to the celebration of other sacraments and rituals, the parish will want to choose an area for the baptistery or the font that visually symbolizes that relationship. Some churches choose to place the baptistery and font near the entrance to the church. Confirmation and the Eucharist complete the initiation begun at baptism; marriage and ordination are ways of living the life of faith begun in baptism; the funeral of a Christian is the final journey of a life in Christ that began in baptism; and the sacrament of penance calls the faithful to conversion and to a renewal of their baptismal commitment. Placing the baptismal font in an area near the entrance or gathering space where the members pass regularly and setting it on an axis with the altar can symbolize the relationship between the various sacraments as well as the importance of the Eucharist within the life and faith development of the members.
6. With the restoration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults that culminates in baptism at the Easter Vigil, churches need private spaces where the newly baptized can go immediately after their baptism to be clothed in their white garments and to prepare for the completion of initiation in the Eucharist. In some instances, nearby sacristies can serve this purpose.

Pope's Intentions for February 2025

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life



YOU ARE INVITED TO

*St. Mary's
Senior (65+)
Valentine's
Tea*

FEBRUARY 12TH,
AT 4 PM IN
THE SOCIAL
CENTER

Please RSVP by February 5th
by calling the parish Office or
email
lorimleko@stmaryhelena.org



First Communion Class

Sunday February 9th

Class will be held from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the Social Center. At least one parent needs to attend the class with their child.

Contact Lori or Dawn for more information!

Life in the Atrium

I was giving a presentation on the parable of the mustard seed. I asked why Jesus may have told this parable. One girl thought for a minute and she said it was probably because we are supposed to be growing closer to God every day. Some days we are small, but if we keep growing every day, our faith will be big!

FALLING UPWARD

Gathering and Discussion

Are you living and loving your golden years, or maybe not? The 2nd half of life is more than getting old, health issues, loss. We'll be offering insights in a six-week discussion based on Richard Rohr's book, "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life." Our first gathering is on Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3580 Benton Ave. There will be 6 gatherings, finishing on April 15th. Facilitators are Fr. Dan Shea and Charlotte Neill. The book is available on Amazon. Both 2011 and 2023 editions, new or used, are appropriate. RSVP to Fr. Dan by text 406-422-6674 or email:

dshea@carroll.edu

Thursday Movie Group

All are invited to join our Thursday Movie group! We will watch a movie followed by a discussion!

Our next movie beginning February 13th is:

THE WAY

An American father travels to France to retrieve the body of his estranged son, who died while attempting the pilgrimage to Spain's Santiago de Compostela.

We will meet in the Social Center between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

Call Dawn for more information!

Important Dates for Youth Group

February 12th: NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

February 19th: Youth Group from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Carroll College Parish Scholarship

\$1,000 scholarship, that requires the recipient be a student planning to attend Carroll for the first time in the Fall of 2025.

A student must be full-time to maintain this scholarship.

Interested students are instructed to reach out to Dawn and request a recommendation letter by **March 15th.**

Legendary Lodge Scholarship fund!

If you would like to donate to the Legendary Lodge Scholarship fund, please contact **Dawn!** Every year, 25-30 youth from our parish attend Legendary Lodge Camps and many of them are only able to do that because of the financial assistance we are able to provide.



Thank you so much for the generosity you always bestow!





2025 DATES & RATES

June 15-20 Junior High #1	July 6-11 Junior High #2	July 27-August 1 5th/6th Grade Girls
June 22-27 High School #1	July 13-18 High School #2	CAMP RATES Early Bird Rate: <i>(Register in January)</i> \$400 Standard Rate: \$425
June 29-July 1 Family Camp	July 20-25 5th/6th Grade Boys	

REGISTRATION OPENS
 January 3rd at Noon for families who live within the Diocese of Helena
 January 8th at Noon for families who live outside the Diocese of Helena

Liturgical Life

Pilgrims of Hope—Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Dr. Wendy Yuen

Attending the Day of Reflection on January 25, 2025, led by Prof. Katherine Greiner, was an enlightening experience. The theme, "Becoming Pilgrims of Hope," echoes Pope Francis' announcement of the Jubilee Year 2025. Through Katherine's insightful teachings and engaging small group discussions, I reflected on how Saint Mary could be a pilgrim church.

Throughout history, music has been the heartbeat of Christian pilgrimage. St. Francis of Assisi, often called the Troubadour of God, wandered the world with a song in his heart, proclaiming the Gospel not only through words but also through melody. For him, music was a means to awaken the soul to the beauty of God.

Music has always accompanied the great movements of the Church. The early Christians sang hymns in the catacombs; medieval pilgrims chanted on their way to Compostela; reformers, martyrs, and missionaries carried their faith forward with songs on their lips. The Church does not journey in silence—she sings! And as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope" serves as both a proclamation and a prayer, urging us forward in faith and unity.

The refrain of "Pilgrims of Hope" acknowledges God as the eternal source of life and affirms a steadfast reliance on Him. Verse 1 highlights the power of God's Word, bringing light to all nations and peoples. It speaks of humanity's fragility and dispersion, yet finds a home in Christ. Verse 2 portrays God as a source of hope. It emphasizes the Spirit's transformative power. Verse 3 calls us to recognize God's presence, as Christ—born in time—becomes the guide for us.

Musically, the hymn reflects this journey. The refrain begins with an energetic leap, emphasizing the word "flame" and propelling us to proclaim with full breath that "my hope is burning." In contrast, the verses follow a more linear, stepwise motion, creating a contemplative atmosphere that allows the words to resonate deeply. The union of text and melody makes this hymn a powerful expression of faith.

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (Chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Just as the troubadours of old sang their way through their journeys, so too must we raise our voices in this Jubilee year. "Pilgrims of Hope" is a song of marching forward under God. In a world often marked by division and despair, our singing becomes a witness to the hope that God gives us.

May Saint Mary, like a great choir, continue to sing as one body, lifting our voices in unison with the communion of saints. And may "Pilgrims of Hope" accompany us, reminding us that we walk not alone but with Christ. Let us sing, let us journey, and let us hope—together.

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Faithful Citizenship

Catholic Social Teaching: *Call to Family, Community and Participation*

“How we organize our society - in economics and politics, in law and policy - directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community... We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.”

~ United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

Matt Brower, Executive Director of the Montana Catholic Conference (MCC), in a recent presentation to Saint Mary Catholic Community, described the role of the Conference and of all Catholics as “Bring [Ing] the Gospel into the world.” He emphasized the need for the truth of Jesus and for the social justice voice in our politics. **He related the call to participation in politics to our Baptismal promises, to the gifts we are given in Eucharist, to scripture, and to the themes of Catholic Social Teaching.** To be living and effective, faith needs to be expressed in works and works need to be grounded in and guided by faith. He referenced Saint Teresa of Calcutta’s philosophy of connecting our actions to our interior spiritual life.

MCC’s work is inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and sacred scripture. It is guided by the two bishops in Montana and the question, “How are those on the margins faring?” **Their mission is to “advocate for the weak and vulnerable and act as a catalyst for the transformation of society.”** MCC networks with other like-minded organizations to lobby legislators and to testify on bills. The MCC sends out legislative alerts which include information on a bill under consideration and a process for communicating with legislators. The Montana Catholic Conference advocates, educates and communicates with interested citizens on bills related to 1) the welfare of the most vulnerable among us - e.g. Medicaid expansion and the housing crisis; 2) the dignity of the human person - e.g. capital punishment and abortion; and 3) church law - e.g. the sacred seal of confession and mandatory reporting of abuse. **The primary areas of focus of the 2025 legislature are Medicaid expansion, changes in the judiciary branch of government, and property taxation.**



Lay people have a key role to play. Pope Benedict described the Catholic laity as not only collaborators but as having co-responsibility in evangelization and in serving the common good. **Lay people advocating for just policy, laws and economics is a way of loving God and loving our neighbors as God loves us.** It creates the conditions for social justice to flourish. We must guard against withdrawal, apathy and cynicism and work to engage and participate in politics and civic actions.

“We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and a privilege, but as an opportunity to participate meaningfully in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every voice counts.” ~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Check more inspiring, useful information on the MCC website <http://montanacc.org/> and in the video of Matt’s presentation on the Saint Mary’s website <https://youtu.be/vxRckYJ3Rtw>

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

Touch the Earth Lightly – Our Online Returns Impact our World

Approximately how many pounds of returned items from online shopping end up in a landfill each year in the United States alone? Select one of the following. The answer is found below.

- 20 million pounds
1 billion pounds
- b. 500 million pounds
d. 6 billion pounds



Let us Work Towards a Waste-Free Culture

Learn

It is often more expensive for companies to pay for returned items to be inspected, cleaned, and put back on the shelf than it is for them to be landfilled. [According to NPR](#), "Experts estimate that retailers throw away about a quarter of their returns. Returns and resale company Optoro estimates that every year, ***U.S. returns create almost 6 billion pounds of landfill waste.***"

Pray

Today we pray for the social sin of excessive consumption and waste and disregard of earth's gifts. We pray to temper our own wants and desires and for systemic solutions that promote justice and care for all people and the planet.

Act

It is not always possible, but if it is an option for you, avoid buying online, when possible, since items bought in local stores are less likely to be returned and are less likely to be destroyed or put in the landfill if they are returned.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX3Cw3ccZNI> (A minute video well worth watching.)

The Darker Side to Returned Products - What really happens to all of our returned products?

- Online purchases are 3x more likely to be returned than items bought in a store.
- Amazon ends up throwing away 1/3 of returned items.
- **6 billion pounds of landfill waste.** That is about equal to the amount of waste produced by 3.3 million Americans each year.
- Retailers will burn products as a means of disposal or in some cases to protect their brand.
- Amazon has donated over sixty million items and is working on other ideas to reduce waste.

*The above article was published by Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) in their Advent Simplicity Challenge 2024
Permission was granted to share the article.*

Laudato Si'

A weekly tip on Caring for our Common Home

When shopping, look for items made as close to home as possible as a way to help reduce the carbon footprint of global shipping and to support local businesses and workers. Also look for items that have a reputation for durability – you will save money as well as help to preserve natural resources.

*Lord, as we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary Year of Laudato Si' and the Jubilee Year of Hope
let us walk through this year caring for God's creation and acting in hope.*

Article Compiled/written by Saint Mary Care for Creation Ministry

Pastoral Care

- ◇ If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like to receive the Most Holy Eucharist, please contact the parish office: (406) 442-5268.



Art and Environment



You are invited to the Launch of *Fanning the Fire Ministry* at Saint Mary Catholic Community
Sunday, February 23 @ 4:30 pm in the Social Center
Family Friendly Complimentary Chili and Mac Dinner ~ No RSVP needed
Presentation on the Ministry and the Font
Share memories and photos of your Baptism ~ YOUR story
Embrace the heritage and future in faith of Saint Mary Catholic Community ~ OUR story
Consider the sacred meaning of Saint Mary Catholic Community ~ THE story
"It all began at the font."

Celebrating MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES //
RECEPTION //

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES, FROM
THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMMEMORATED OVER SIX
DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.

EVENT DETAILS

FEBRUARY 14TH // BEGINS WITH 6:00PM MASS // RECEPTION TO FOLLOW // HEAVY
APPETIZERS AND DESSERT INCLUDED // SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE // \$25 PER COUPLE

CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST WHILE SPACES LAST.

February 14th

RSVP USING THE QR CODE OR AT
[HTTPS://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CELEBRATING-
MARRIAGE/](https://diocesehelena.org/celebrating-marriage/)



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IN A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

MARCH 21-23, 2025

CARROLL COLLEGE, HELENA

FEATURING

Charles Camosey | Hannah Hemphill | Jimmy Mitchell |
Sr. Anne Catherine Burleigh, OP | Sr. Marianna Thayer, OP

AN ALL-AGES EVENT
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

Fr. John Robertson died on February 4, 2025, in Helena. He was born on July 30, 1945, and ordained a priest on June 8, 1971. In his many years of priestly ministry, he served at Butte Central High School, at parishes in Whitefish, Butte, Helena, Helmville, and Lincoln, and for 50 years held several key positions at the Chancery and on a multitude of Diocesan boards and councils.

The Vigil is scheduled for 6 pm on Wednesday, February 12th, at the Cathedral of St. Helena. The Funeral is scheduled for 12 noon on Thursday, February 13th, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and will be livestreamed. Burial will take place at a later time with the family.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday February 9th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 9:15-10:20 First Communion; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday February 10th:** 11:00 am funeral Mass for James Christnacht; *No Prayer Group*; 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday February 11th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday February 12th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm-5:00 pm RE Valentine Tea; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; *No Youth Group*
- ◆ **Thursday February 13th:** *Office Closed for Fr. John Robertson's funeral; no Mass*; 5:00 pm Choir
- ◆ **Friday February 14th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; Happy Valentine's Day
- ◆ **Saturday February 15th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday February 16th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; *No Children's Liturgy of the Word*
- ◆ **Monday February 17th:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; *No OCIA; Office Closed for President's Day*
- ◆ **Tuesday February 18th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm Book Club
- ◆ **Wednesday February 19th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm RE; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 5:30 pm Finance Council; 6:00 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday February 20th:** 10:00 am Mass at Son Heaven; 12:10 pm Mass; 10:00 am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 5:30 pm Choir
- ◆ **Friday February 21st:** 10:30 am Mass at Cooney
- ◆ **Saturday February 22nd:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass

Prayers for the Deceased

Bill Long

James Christnacht

Father John Robertson

Eternal rest grant unto them,

O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died.

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