

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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<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

March 7— Mount Ascension
March 14— Touchmark
March 21— Cooney

February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

“Be merciful, just as
your Father is
merciful.”

Luke 6:36

March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

“For from the
fullness of the heart
the mouth speaks.”

Luke 6:45



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 23rd—The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

8:00 AM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass—for Pat Cutler†
rb: Deb Kralicek

Monday, February 24th

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Patricia Allen

Tuesday, February 25th

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, February 26th

Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40

12:10 PM Mass for Mary Lutgen† and Ray Bell† families

rb: Pete and Cathy Surdock

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, February 27th

Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 10:1-12

12:10 PM Mass

Friday, February 28th

Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12

12:10 PM Mass

Saturday, March 1st

Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil for Ray Bell†

rb: Pete and Cathy Surdock

Sunday, March 2nd—The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

8:00 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass

Monday, March 3rd—No Mass

Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday March 4th

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, March 5th

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

12:10 PM

5:30 PM Mass

3:30 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, March 6th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

12:10 PM Mass with Bishop Vetter

Friday, March 7th

Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Matthew 9:14-15

10:30 Mass at Mount Ascension

for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

Saturday, March 8th

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30PM Mass



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

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

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts toward the repair of our Font! We have raised \$9,700 so far towards the \$20,000 needed for the repair. We appreciate your continued generosity!!

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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Pastoral Council Members: Starla Blank, Mike Blend, Jan Buyske, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Mary Munger, Casey Molloy, Hal Nelson, Jeff Tobin, Tyson Schulte, and Merelee Cloninger

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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

Saint Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican Priest and “Angelic Doctor” of the Church as he was known for his incredible wisdom and spiritual depth. He wrote the Summa Thologica: a compendium of the theological teachings of the Church. At the request of Pope Urban IV, Thomas wrote several Eucharistic hymns. He is the patron saint of Catholic schools, colleges, and universities, as well as patron saint of philosophers, theologians, and booksellers. He died in 1274. The following is from a Conference by Saint Thomas.

“Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act...

If you seek the example of love: Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends. Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake...

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die...

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. FOR JUST AS THE DISOBEDIENCE OF ONE MAN, NAMELY, ADAM, MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO BY THE OBEDIENCE OF ONE MAN, MANY WERE MADE RIGHTEOUS...

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in who are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink...

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because THEY DIVIDED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES. Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for WEAVING A CROWN OF THORNS THEY PLACED IT ON MY HEAD. Nor to anything delightful, for IN MY THIRST THEY GAVE ME VINEGAR TO DRINK.”

May we rely on the Lord at all times, knowing how much He loved us through His passion and death on the Cross for us and for the whole world. Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim



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

Jubilee Year Prayer and Discussion

Tuesday, March 11th

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Social Center

All are invited to an evening of prayer and discussion as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee year. Our focus will be *Spes non Confundit*, the letter that Pope Francis wrote announcing the Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis opens his letter with the words *Spes non Confundit* which means "Hope does not disappoint." He expresses his desire that the Jubilee might be "an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope."

We will share a summary of the letter on March 11th, however if you interested, you can find the full text [HERE](#).

Please contact Dawn at the Parish Office if you have any questions!

First Communion Class Sunday March 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!



FALLING UPWARD

Gathering and Discussion

Are you living and loving your golden years, or maybe not? The second half of life is more than getting old, health issues, and 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, 6:30 to 8:00pm 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 27th** 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 26th: Helena Deanery Youth Group Meeting at the Cathedral from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

March 5th: NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING (Ash Wednesday)



Confirmation Preparation

Candidates for Confirmation and their Sponsors will meet on Sunday, March 2nd from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the Social Center. Call Dawn at the Parish Office for more information!!!!

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 so because of the financial assistance we are able to provide.



Thank you so much for the generosity you always bestow!

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**.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IN A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

MARCH 21-23, 2025

CARROLL COLLEGE, HELENA

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Liturgical Life

Let Us Sing as We Go

Dr. Wendy Yuen

I'm currently reading *Hope—The Autobiography* by Pope Francis. In the Prologue, he begins with a story about the shipwreck of the *SS Principessa Mafalda*, often called the "Italian Titanic." In 1927, his father and grandparents had planned to sail on that ship from Genoa to Buenos Aires but were unable to afford the passage. It saved their lives. God had a plan for this family.

Though delayed, their journey did not end. Driven by hope—hope for freedom, hope for family reunion—they eventually embarked on their journey later, eventually reaching Argentina. "That is why I'm here now," he writes.

Pope Francis connects hope to the future of the Church in his autobiography in a powerful way:

"The Church always has a future.... The Church has roots in the past, in Christ living during his own time, in his Resurrection; and it has roots in the future, in the promise of Christ who remains with us until the end of time. And in this promise there is the future of the Church."

For Pope Francis, hope is not merely optimism which ignores the tragedy of human evil; it is a deep trust in God's presence that transcends time. The Church's future is secured in Christ's promise—His living presence among us today, and His enduring promise to remain with us until the end of time. This promise gives the Church purpose, even though of all the challenges it faces.

As we leave Mass this weekend, we will sing *Let Us Sing as We Go* by Jaime Cortez. This song beautifully aligns with the themes of hope and the future of the Church, drawing inspiration from Pope Francis's *Laudato Si*.

- **Verse 1** invites us to rejoice in the gift of life, underscoring the power of music to unite and inspire us in our shared journey.
- **Verse 2** calls us to care for the Earth, echoing the Pope's message of reconciliation with creation and our call to stewardship of the world.
- **Verse 3** emphasizes justice, peace and the collective responsibility to protect and nurture the Earth as our common home.

The refrain reminds us that our shared duty to care for the Earth is not just an act of responsibility but one of love, as we move together as stewards of God's creation. The song's message, alongside its uplifting and energetic melody, calls us to walk forward with hope. We know that the Church's future is deeply rooted in Christ's promise and our response.

As we go forth, let us be reminded that, just as Pope Francis teaches, the Church always has a future. Let us sing with joy, hope in the Lord, and trust that, through Him, the Church will continue to move forward, grounded in hope.

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Words of St. Teresa of Calcutta

~ May They Guide Our Lives ~



On Showing Love:

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.

It is easy to love people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those who are close to us...Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start.

It is not the magnitude of our actions, but the amount of love put into them that matters.

Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired.

On Our Actions:

I prefer you to make mistakes in kindness than to work miracles in unkindness.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

A life not lived for others is not a life.

On the State Of the World:

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone, is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty, than the person who has nothing to eat.

Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person.

If you want to be concerned about your next door neighbor, do you know your next door neighbor?

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other.

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Quotes gathered from: <https://www.catholic.org/clife/teresa/quotes.php>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ed/turnbullvva/quotes-from-mother-teresa/> <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/10-inspiring-quotes-from-mother-teresa/>



SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

SMCC Care for Creation Ministry – Join Us

Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home* and his addition of Care for God's Creation to Catholic Social Teaching inspire our ministry. In our own lives we have experienced the devastating impact of human caused climate change. We commit to take action together because it is "urgent and necessary." (LS57) As a ministry we hope to raise awareness, educate, and inspire action. We hope to build a community that cherishes, protects, advocates and acts for our earth. If you are interested in being part of this ministry please contact the parish office. Your wisdom, your passion and your action are needed as we celebrate the **Tenth Anniversary Year of Pope Francis' Laudato Si'.**

Pope Francis opens the encyclical with these words:

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs'. (LS1)

"Nothing in this world is indifferent to us." (LS 2-3)

Beliefs of SMCC Care for Creation Ministry:

We believe **nature expresses the wonder and diversity of God.**

We believe **we are an integral part of the natural world** and that we depend on it for our physical and spiritual life.

We believe we must gather as a community to inspire and **join hands in service to others and to our earth.**

We believe we must **live as "brothers and sisters, harming no one."**

We believe that God brings "healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, **that we may sow beauty**, not pollution and destruction."

We believe that God will "teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to **be filled with awe and contemplation**, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature."

We believe in **intergenerational justice**. The earth is on loan to us and we must honor the world so we can hand it on to the many generations to follow.

We believe that the **Holy Spirit inspires us** in our work for justice, love and peace.

We work to **put these beliefs into action by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to live sustainably in our common home.**

Quotations are from *Laudato Si' A Prayer for Our Earth*

Laudato Si'

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

It is important to learn lessons that first present themselves in family life: how to show love and respect for life; the proper use of things; order and cleanliness; respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures; how to learn and mature; how to ask without demanding; saying "thank you" in genuine gratitude; controlling aggressiveness and greed. "These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surrounding." (*Laudato Si'*, 213)

*Lord, as we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary Year of Laudato Si' let us cherish your beautiful creation
and hold Pope Francis in our prayers.*

Art and Environment

Saint Mary's Church was constructed in the late 1960's as the first church in our diocese designed and inspired in the spirit of Vatican II. And so, it is with our Baptismal font. Our font is designed following the Vatican II documents and the directives of the USCCB.

When you enter Saint Mary's sanctuary you are greeted by our font. There is an unspoken but immediate invitation to bless yourself with the Baptismal waters of the font. **WHY?** To remind ourselves again of our Baptism ... the beginning of our faith life in the Church.

When you enter Saint Mary's sanctuary you are greeted by a font that is significant in size, possibly not what you experienced as a child or what you see in other Catholic churches. This is so Baptism of both infants and adults by immersion can take place. Saint Mary's has been baptizing by immersion for over 30 years following the guidance of the Council.

Immersion is a very expressive sign: the person enters the font from the back, dying to sin through baptism, and then rising out of the waters from the front of the font to a new life in Christ in the Catholic Church.

When you come to Saint Mary's you may experience the Baptism of an infant during Mass. Parents present their child to the community for Baptism. The child is baptized with the whole community as witness. Children and others are invited to gather around the font to watch and experience the baptism. And our community is reminded of our own baptisms as we renew our baptismal promises together.

When you come to the Easter Vigil at Saint Mary's you may witness adult baptisms. With the restoration of the catechumenate, the practice of immersion is encouraged. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says baptism through triple immersion in the baptismal waters is the fuller and more expressive sign of the sacrament and is thus preferred. After the Easter baptisms, the assembly is encouraged to process to the font to bless themselves and state that they believe.

When you come to Saint Mary's during the Easter Season you will be blessed with water from the font. The celebrant sprinkles us with the water as he processes through the congregation to remind us all that our Baptism is the symbol of our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Finally, when you come to Saint Mary's for a funeral you are invited to turn and face the font. As the funeral liturgy begins the coffin or urn is blessed with the waters of Baptism. The coffin/urn is then covered with the pall, a symbol of our Baptismal garment. A cross is then placed upon the coffin to remind us that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

When we come to Saint Mary's this **Jubilee Year**, we are invited to participate with the whole Church in committing and recommitting our baptismal journey by blessing ourselves with the baptismal waters of our font.



Gathering to launch *Fanning the Fire*
within Saint Mary's Catholic Community
**This Sunday, February 23 in the
Social Center**

4:30 PM 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."



Senior Valentine Tea



**Thank-you to all who participated in the Valentine Tea:
attendees, students, catechists, helpers and cookie bakers.
You are very much appreciated!**



Update from the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on February 12, 2025 and agreed that a brief summary of each meeting would be beneficial to the Parish.

Marelee Cloninger and Tyson Schulte attended their first meeting as student representatives on the Pastoral Council! They are WONDERFUL additions and will provide guidance on how to engage our youth in church activities.

The baptismal font project is progressing! Ed Glowienka, chair of the Pastoral Council, did an excellent job of providing an update on the status of the font project at the February 8th and 9th masses. All the materials to complete the project have arrived, and it is hoped that the font will be completed in time for the Easter season.

The security and safety of the parish and its members is a priority for the Pastoral Council, so subcommittees have been formed to address these issues. The security subcommittee includes council members as well as members of the parish with a law enforcement background. The safety subcommittee includes members with a medical background. Updates will be provided as these subcommittees bring recommendations to the Pastoral Council.



Knights of Columbus

Helena Council, No. 844
PO Box 4097
Helena, Montana 59604

Knights of Columbus Council 844 comprises 275 Catholic men from the Cathedral, Our Lady of The Valley, and St. Mary Catholic Community parishes living a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, and life worth living under the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. During 2024 the Council donated \$28,000 and 2,135 volunteer hours for:

1. Seminarians Kaleb Mitchell, Brett Rotz, Shae Bills, James Semling, and Carter Anderson.
2. St. Andrews' students trip to Rome.
3. Kiosks with Catholic informational booklets at each parish.
4. Youth Catholic Chat.
5. National Catholic Youth Convention travel to Washington DC.
6. Carroll College FOCUS group.
7. Montana Men's Catholic Conference.
8. Helena Women's Catholic Conference.
9. Hosting a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Helena honoring His Excellency Austin Vetter, local Priests, and Deacons.
10. KNEH Banquet.
11. St. Mary Catholic Community Bulletins.
12. Cathedral Bulletins.
13. Our Lady of The Valley calendars.
14. Visits to the sick.
15. Rosaries at Planned Parenthood every Friday, and the Cathedral every Saturday.
16. Contributing 681 pounds of food to Helena Food Share.
17. Keeping Christ in Christmas with the sale of over 50 boxes of Christmas cards, various pins, yard signs, and magnets.
18. Contributing to St. Mary Catholic Community Thanksgiving Baskets of which approximately 200 were distributed to families.
19. Conducting an Easter Egg hunt at Memorial Park for over 50 children from the local Helena area; recognizing middle school children who have been especially nice to the peers and providing new clothing to a family who lost their home to fire, all through the Council's Kindness Makes Miracles program.
20. Providing 276 coats of various sizes to the parishes, Good Samaritan, and Boulder School for distribution to families in need in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program.
21. Preparing and serving four dinners to over 200 patrons at God's Love.
22. Cooking and serving three fish dinners at the Knights of Columbus Hall during the Lenten season to over 900 patrons from the local Helena area.
23. Participating in the annual Catholic Social Services Montana golf tournament benefit.
24. Hosting, in conjunction with the Ancient Order of Hibernian's Thomas Meagher Chapter, the St. Francis Dinner raising money for Good Samaritan Ministries.
25. Hosting a spaghetti dinner at St. Mary Catholic Community for 230 Special Olympic athletes participating in a Helena basketball tournament.
26. Providing hot beverages to people who marched around the Capital during the annual March for Life.
27. Contributing 59 boxes of diapers and wipes to the Options Clinic for distribution to mothers in need.
28. Sponsoring a weekly Catholic Men's Group interactive session discussing various aspects of the Catholic faith.
29. Installing 29 Grave Stones at Babies Resurrection Cemetery.
30. Making available the Knights of Columbus Hall for "Alive at 25", a defensive driving class for youth ages 14-25, and for Montana Annual Car Seat Training.

The Saint Francis Peace Through Justice ministry (SFPTJ) has been volunteering through the Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team (HARRT) to assist a Congolese refugee family that has been resettled in Helena. Since August we have helped move the family into a residence and offered continued support by providing transportation and English language tutoring. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Catherine Pinegar at 715-360-3448. Volunteers are required to have Virtus training.

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on February 25, 2025 with guest speaker Kevin Molm. Our meeting will be held at Mount Ascension Brewery at 6:00 P.M. We hope to see you there!

Parish Diversity Celebration
Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta
1910-1997

known for working for the sanctification, salvation and material needs of *“the poorest of the poor”* and loving those *“who have no one to love them”*

“By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship I am an Indian. By faith I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to Jesus.” ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

At age 18 Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu left her mother, sister and her home in Albania to join the Sisters of Loretto in Ireland. She received the name Mary Teresa after Saint Therese of Lisieux as she was deeply inspired by her motto of “doing small things with great love.” A year later she moved to India realizing her childhood dream of becoming a missionary. There she completed the process of becoming a nun and taught school which she dearly loved. She was known for her charity, unselfishness, deep love for her students and religious sisters, and profound prayer.

Her “call within the call” began in 1946 on a train ride to Darjeeling for her annual retreat. Over the next several months Jesus came into her heart through interior locutions and visions. **He revealed His desire for all souls to experience His love, His pain at the neglect of the poor and His sorrow at their ignorance of Him.** Mother Teresa struggled with temptations to keep teaching her beloved students but two years later she donned the white, blue bordered sari, took temporary lodging with the Little Sisters of the Poor and entered the slums for the first time. Her spiritual call and was intertwined with the call to serve the material needs of the poor.

In 1950 Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity dedicated to serving “the poorest of the poor” in the slums of Calcutta. Their services include providing love, dignity and hospice care for people dying in the streets, running soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, orphanages, schools and homes for children living with disabilities. Over the years the congregation grew to operate in over 133 countries worldwide. Mother Teresa received numerous awards including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

Mother Teresa lived a Jesus-centered life. She began each day by attending mass and receiving the Eucharist. She firmly believed that Jesus in the Eucharist is the living presence, in a different way, in the disguise of the poor. She lived by the **“five-fingered gospel” – You did it to me.** Whatever we do to anyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, we do to Jesus. People need to experience love, dignity and the presence of Jesus as much as or more than they need their material needs met. She embraced every person she met with love and a blessing from God.

In a 1993 handwritten letter to the whole family of the Missionaries of Charity Mother Teresa encouraged them to really meet the living Jesus. ***“Have you seen with the eyes of your soul how he looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus... from being with him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words he speaks to you?”*** She encouraged daily intimate contact with Jesus as ***“the real living person – not just the idea.”***

Another part of Mother Teresa’s spiritual journey was her experience of what mystics, following Saint John of the Cross, call **“the dark night of the soul.”** Pope St. John Paul once wrote, “Not infrequently the saints have undergone something akin to Jesus’ experience on the cross in the paradoxical blending of bliss and pain.” (Novo Millennio Ineunte, 27). It began after she received her “call within the call” and lasted for the rest of her life. It became known after her death when her diaries and letters to her spiritual adviser came to light. After much suffering, Mother Teresa wrote, ***“I have come to love the darkness. For I believe now that it is a part, a very, very small part of Jesus’ darkness and pain on earth.”***

The faith, love, service, and close relationship with Jesus exemplified in the life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta have much to teach us and are a powerful inspiration to us all as we seek to follow and to live in Jesus Christ.

Blessing of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta place in the Gathering Space Tuesday 3/4/2025 12:45 (after daily Mass)

Corporal Works of Mercy Brochure with ideas for action inspired by the example of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Watch the bulletin for details on upcoming events.

“The Letters” movie showing with discussion on the life of Saint Teresa
Homelessness in Helena video and presentation with discussion

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

Blessed be the Lord!

With grateful hearts, we share
the results of the
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\$31,518,243 PLEDGED

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\$48,287,300 ESTATE GIFTS

\$90,881,647
TOTAL GIFTS PROMISED

This amazing result was achieved thanks to the faithful and supportive people in our Diocese. Whether you gave financially or in prayer, our goal was reached—and exceeded—because of YOU!

These gifts are already being distributed to parishes and missions to meet their individual campaign purposes and to the Diocese to build evangelization efforts, provide for seminarian education and clergy senior status retirement, and help provide for the restoration of the Cathedral of St. Helena.



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All Glory to God for the graces He has given and the faithful, loving, prayerful people who contributed to the success of this campaign!

Learn more about the campaign at fdoh.org.

Prayers for the Deceased

Julieta Chelini
Patricia Allen
Carol Anderson

*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.



Blessed be the Lord!

With grateful hearts,
we share the
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Saint Mary Catholic Community

Goal: **\$837,378**

Total Amount Pledged: **\$534,396**

Household Participation: **14%**

The parish portion of these funds will be used
20% for evangelization efforts,
20% to build our endowment,
60% for capital needs.

All Glory to God for the faithful,
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The Lord is calling us to
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE **SPRING CAMPAIGN** March 5—April 13

ProLife Montana is embarking on a message and graphics campaign that focuses on the special parent/child bond that is created with every pregnancy.

Please plan to join us for all three rallies:

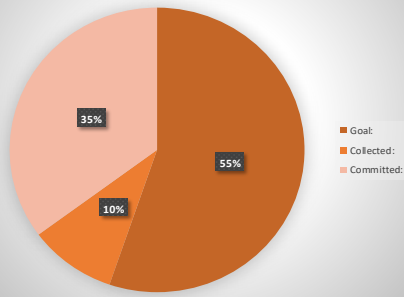
KICK OFF RALLY is on Wednesday, March 5, at Planned Parenthood Helena from 3pm-5pm. We will walk to Euclid Ave. to hold signs that state the value of all lives. We will follow that up on Saturday, **March 8**, with another "awareness" sign event on the corners of N. Montana and Custer Ave. from 11am—1pm.

MID RALLY is on March 22 at 3pm at the Helena Knights of Columbus, 1867 Washington St. A light lunch will be served, and we will have adoption organizations on site to provide information about their services as well as a chemical abortion presentation provided by a medical professional. **This will also be a DIAPER DRIVE for the Catholic Community Svcs Baby Boutique in Helena.**

CLOSING RALLY is on Saturday, April 12 from 11am—1pm on N. Montana Ave. and 11th Ave. in front of CVS and Walgreens. We will be holding signs to bring awareness to the harm associated with brick and mortar pharmacy distribution of the abortion pill.

Please visit Prolife Montana's website at www.prolifemontana.com for more details and 40DaysforLife.com to sign up to pray at Planned Parenthood in Helena during this Campaign.

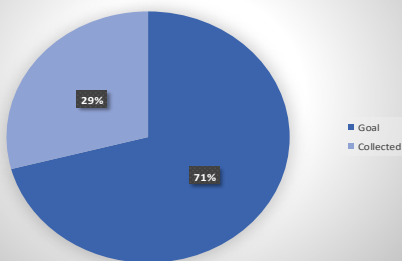
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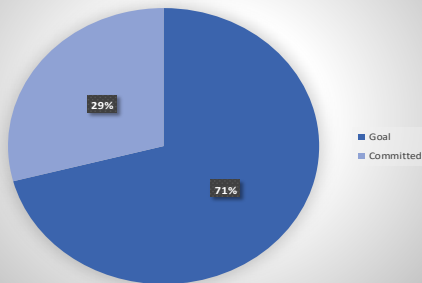
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Goal	\$89,600.00
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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday February 23rd:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday February 24th:** 9:45 am Prayer Group; 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Patricia Allen; 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday February 25th:** 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday February 26th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm RE; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 6:00 pm– 7:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday February 27th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:00 pm Choir
- ◆ **Friday February 28th:** 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Saturday March 1st:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass; Hospitality Weekend
- ◆ **Sunday March 2nd:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 9:15am– 10:15 am Confirmation with Sponsors; 10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word; Hospitality weekend
- ◆ **Monday March 3rd:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday March 4th:** 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; Blessings of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Place following Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday March 5th:** *Ash Wednesday*; 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 5:30 pm Mass; *No RE; No Youth Group*
- ◆ **Thursday March 6th:** 12:10 pm Mass with Bishop Vetter; 12:30 pm– 3:00 pm Foundation for the Diocese of Helena Board Meeting 10:00 am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 5:30 Choir
- ◆ **Friday March 7th:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension; 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Saturday March 8th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass



2025 Lenten Schedule

- ◆ **Friday March 7th:** 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Friday March 14th:** 5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Reflection with Ed Glowienka; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Friday April 4th:** 5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Reflection with Jeanette Fregulia; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Friday April 11th:** 5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Thursday April 17th:** 7:00 pm Mass
- ◆ **Friday April 18th:** 12:10 pm Stations of the Cross; 5:30 pm Passion of the Lord Mass



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