

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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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:

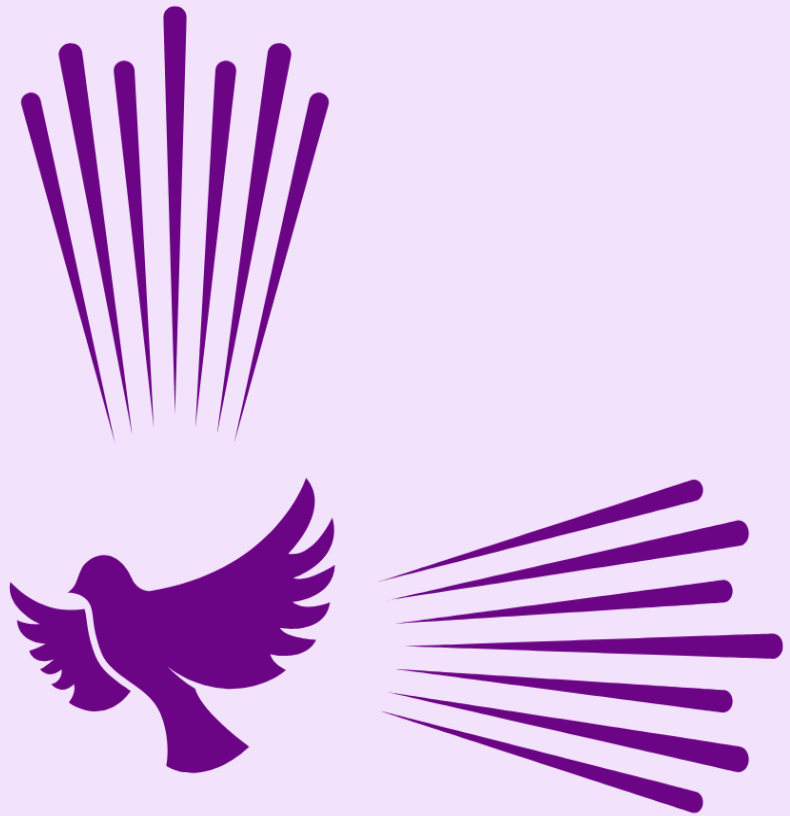
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

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

Friday Care Center Masses

April 4— Mount Ascension
April 11— Touchmark
May 2— Mount Ascension
May 9— Touchmark



March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

Luke 13:9

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

Luke 15:32

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, March 23rd—The Third Sunday of Lent

*Exodus 3:1-8a; 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9; John 4:5-42*

8:00 AM Mass—for Darren Fleiner✙

rb: Bill and Charlotte Fleiner

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

Monday, March 24th—No Mass

2Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25th

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

12:10 PM Mass—for Bob Brouillette✙

rb: Deb Kralicek

Wednesday, March 26th

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

12:10 PM Mass—for Carol Anderson✙

rb: Deb Kralicek

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, March 27th

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

12:10 PM Mass—for Dermot McCaughn

rb: Lori Murphy-Moulet

Friday, March 28th

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

12:10 PM Mass

Saturday, March 29th

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil

Sunday, March 30th—Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Joshua 5-9a. 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*

8:00 AM Mass

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

Monday, March 31st—No Mass

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday April 1st

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, April 2nd

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

12:10 PM Mass—for Deceased members of the Olson Family✙

rb: Mike and Mary Foot

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 3rd

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

12:10 PM Mass—for the 49th Anniversary of

Bill & Charlotte Fleiner

rb: Bill Fleiner

Friday, April 4th

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

10:30 Mass at Mount Ascension

for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

Saturday, April 5th

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30PM Mass



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We met together as community to move into our Lenten season, by praying Stations of the Cross, attending the Jubilee Night of Prayer, Evening Prayer and Reflection with Ed Glowienka and participation in our Communal Penance service. You are invited to take advantage of the upcoming opportunity for Evening Prayer and Reflection with Jeannette Fregulia.

As ministering stewards: We have gathered for Soup and Bread or the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, with an additional opportunity to provide ministry at the Parish Communal Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries on Saturday, April 5, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 2/28/25	\$368,236
Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 2/28/25	\$369,565
Difference: (Received – Budget):		(\$ 1,329)

Maintenance & Repair Needs and Gifts (FY 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 2/28/25))

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:	\$39,327
Difference: (Received – Need):	(\$25,883)

*\$20,894 has been raised to date towards the repair of the Baptismal font. Thank you for your 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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From Father Tim

Feast of St. Joseph

“There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to a human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand.

This general rule is especially verified in the case of St. Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the Eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: ‘Good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord.’

What then is Joseph’s position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to St. Joseph.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as the son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD. In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: ENTER INTO JOY. His intention was that the words should have hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, St. Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit reigns eternally. Amen.”

From a sermon by Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest.

St Joseph was a righteous man who followed the Lord unceasingly throughout his life. He protected Mary and our Lord from Herod and the dangers of the world. We ask for his prayers to totally surrender to the will of God in our lives, because Jesus Christ is our life, our hope, and our peace in this life and for all eternity.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim



Pope’s Intentions for March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.





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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

Faith in Action: Accompanying Zach and Devlin on Their OCIA Journey at Saint Mary Catholic Community!

As we journey through Lent, this season is typically marked by the celebration of various Rites in the OCIA process. On the First Sunday of Lent, we usually celebrate the Rite of Sending, preparing catechumens for the Rite of Election with the Bishop. The Second Sunday often includes the optional Penitential Rite for those who have already been baptized. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays, we celebrate the Scrutinies for those preparing for baptism.

While we have not been able to celebrate these rites this year, we do have two individuals preparing to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. **Zachary Banks**, our catechumen, is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. His weekend work at a youth group home has made it challenging to schedule the usual rites. **Devlin Simon**, who was baptized Catholic and has received First Communion, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Please keep Zach and Devlin in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith!

You're Invited:

Managing Stress in Daily Life

Feeling overwhelmed? Join us for an insightful presentation on **Monday, March 24th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Social Center** as **Joe Moriarty** shares practical strategies for dealing with stress.

With 35 years of experience in public education, a strong background in wellness, and certification as a public speaker, Joe brings valuable insights to help you navigate life's challenges with greater peace and resilience.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain useful tools for stress management!

All are welcome!

Contact Dawn for more information.

Thursday Movie Group

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

We will begin the movie THE LETTERS on Thursday, March 20th and finish it on March 27th.

THE LETTERS is a movie about St. Teresa of Calcutta!

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

March 26th: Youth Group from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

April 2nd: NO YOUTH GROUP: Spring Break

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!

Living Stations of the Cross

Please pray with us on Friday, April 11 at 5:30 pm for a Living Stations of the Cross.

The Living Stations will be led by youth in the both the Religious Education Program and the Youth Ministry Program.

For youth who would like to participate in the stations, you can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FACAB2FA6FC1-55787737-living>

A Metaphor for Change

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

- Found on: <https://www.chausa.org/prayers/prayer-library/general-prayers-and-prayer-services/seasonal-and-holidays/spring-prayer>



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: (Register in January) \$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

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

VBS will be June 16-20
from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM each day!

Who: Children entering Kindergarten – 5th
Grade

Theme:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Register [HERE](#) or Scan the QR code



GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES
SERVICE DAY

Join us
Saturday, April 5th
for a service day at Good
Samaritan Ministries from
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



2025 Lenten Schedule



Monday March 24th

- 6:30 pm Managing Stress in Daily Life by Joe Moriarty

Friday March 28th

- 5:00pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at K of C Hall (1867 Washington St.)

Friday April 4th

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Reflection with Jeanette Fregulia
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread

Saturday April 5th

- 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm Parish Communal Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries

Friday April 11th

- 5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at K of C Hall (1867 Washington St.)

Thursday April 17th

- 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 18th

- 12:10 pm Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 pm Passion Liturgy

Saturday April 19th

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday April 20th

- 8:00 am Easter Day Mass
- 10:30 am Easter Day Mass

Liturgical Life

Jerusalem, My Destiny

Dr. Wendy Yuen

As Jesus embarked on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it marked the beginning of his final week of earthly life. Aware of his impending betrayal, crucifixion, and death, he embraced his destiny with unwavering resolve. But do we, in our own lives, possess such clarity of purpose? I often ponder this question for myself. Would it be preferable to have full knowledge of our destiny? Yet, instead of seeking foreknowledge, I find solace in seeking God's will for my life.

The essence of the Lenten season revolves around the church's profound identification with Jesus' death and resurrection, as articulated in Romans 6:1-4.

Lent spans forty days, a number imbued with symbolic significance throughout the Bible, representing completeness and fulfillment. Consider the forty days and nights of rain during Noah's time, Israel's forty-year journey through the wilderness before entering the promised land, and Jesus' forty-day period of temptation.

The Lenten journey of forty days embodies a baptismal spirituality. Through repentance and a turning away from sin toward Jesus, we embark on a transformative path in our lives, aligning ourselves with God's divine agenda. This journey is not a singular event but a continual process of growth and renewal.

Rory Cooney, born in 1952, composed both the text and music for *Jerusalem, My Destiny*. A dedicated servant of the Church, Cooney's musical contributions have enriched liturgical worship across diverse communities. His commitment to music ministry was recognized with the prestigious "Pastoral Musician of the Year" award in 2014 by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Jerusalem, My Destiny opens with a refrain, symbolizing our commitment to journey alongside Jesus toward Jerusalem. Each verse carries profound meaning: from acknowledging the call of the one true God to rise, to embracing the journey toward a new land, encountering Jesus as our savior, and finding a renewed vision and hope in him.

Cooney's musical composition skillfully employs text painting, accentuating pivotal words and themes. Notably, the repetition of three notes in the refrain underscores our determination to fix our eyes and set our hearts on Jesus. In the verses, the soaring melody on the word "Here" emphasizes the foundational truths we discover in Christ.

In this Lenten season, we are reminded of our destiny and hope. We journey with Jesus to the cross, confident in the promise of new life found in the Risen Christ. As we reflect on *Jerusalem, My Destiny* and its profound message, may we be inspired to walk faithfully in the footsteps of our Savior.

Pastoral Care

Meet Your New Director of Pastoral Care – Beth Carrell

Hello! My name is Beth Carrell, and I am honored to serve as the new Director of Pastoral Care here at Saint Mary's. I am a Catholic convert of 18 years, a wife of 26 years, and a mother to 12 children. My journey into the Church was a profound experience of God's grace—not only for me but for my family as well. After my conversion, my husband, parents, and grandmother also entered the Church, a beautiful reminder of how one "yes" to God can ripple through generations.

My path has been anything but conventional. I was a teen mom, have lived through many ups and downs, and even experienced divorce before reconciling with my husband and rebuilding our marriage. Through these experiences, I have come to know both suffering and redemption in deeply personal ways.

Two years ago, I faced the greatest sorrow of my life—the loss of my son to suicide. That grief led me to discern a new mission: to walk alongside others in their struggles. I became a CatholicPsych Certified Mentor through the CatholicPsych Model of Applied Personalism, integrating psychology, spirituality, and philosophy to help others navigate life's challenges. As a Lay Dominican, I am also committed to lifelong learning and sharing the truth of the Gospel.

In this role, I hope to support our parish community, anyone facing difficulty, experiencing loss, and those seeking healing and reconciliation. My heart is to serve, listen, connect and accompany others in their journeys. No matter where you are in life, please know you are not alone—God's mercy, restoration, and unfailing love are always at work. Don't hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to connecting with you!

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Assisting Refugees

The Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry has been volunteering through the **Helena Area Refugee and Resettlement Team (HARRT)** to assist a Congolese family that has been resettled in Helena. Many of us have enjoyed helping the family members arrive, settle, start school, begin jobs, learn English and obtain preventative health care.

It all began one late August night at the Helena airport where we gathered to welcome the family of 10 (grandmother, Mom, Dad and 7 children) as they got off the plane. They had originated from Tanzania where *they had been waiting in a refugee camp for 24 years!*



Originally, they were housed in 2 apartments at Carol College that many of us from SFPTJ ministry helped set up with furniture and items that a family of 10 might need for their daily lives. *The family has since moved to a rental house in town where they can all be under one roof. There is a yard for children to play in.*

Many of us in this ministry have enjoyed helping the family navigate their new home and adjust to their new lives in MT. *There have been many opportunities for us to help and it has been rewarding (and sometimes comical) to assist them with their daily needs such as:*

Touring the high school with the 2 oldest children and explaining cafeteria lunch with no common language.

Learning how to install car seats when the new baby was born in November.

Guessing weights and heights of the adults for their new MT ID's. *Thankfully, our member Ed Glowienka knows quite a bit of Swahili, which came in handy!*

Taking them for vaccines where they asked if these shots would help them adjust to the cold in MT - if only that were true!

Learning what foods they like to prepare on weekly grocery store runs.

Celebrating landing jobs and assisting with transportation.

Providing Thanksgiving meals, Christmas stockings and Valentine cookies.

Tutoring English and trying not to get frustrated with Google Translate!

After six months of supporting the Lwamba family, it is exciting to see how far they have come. We look forward to continuing to help them settle and grow in MT.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact [Catherine Pinegar](mailto:Catherine.Pinegar@stfrancis.org) at 715-360-3448

Deepen Your Commitment to Caring for Creation — No-Buy Lent

We are asked, "...to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which 'entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion.'" Laudato Si' 9

Ignatian Solidarity Network (igsol.net) offers a powerful daily [No-Buy Lenten Calendar](#), which focuses on reducing our consumer habits. It suggests giving the extra time and/or financial resources you have saved through this process to an organization of your choice, such as CRS Rice Bowl.

[Daily Reflections from No-Buy Lent Calendar \(igsol.net\)](#)

Reflect: Take time today to reflect on your experience of Lent thus far. Thinking back over the week since Ash Wednesday:

- What interior movements have you noticed as you have lived your Lenten practice?
- Are there any insights or challenges that have arisen related to the daily reflection materials?
- How are you being invited to renew or deepen your commitment in the week ahead?

Suggested Action: Read through any days on the calendar you missed this week, or practice what St. Ignatius called "repetition" by returning to one of the reflections you feel drawn to engage with again.



The average person in the United States sees between **4,000-6,000** advertisements daily.

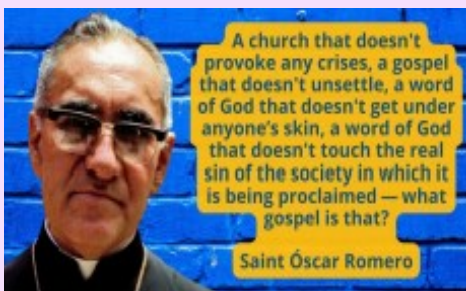
Pray: As you encounter ads today, pick one and spend a few prayerful moments looking at it. What does this advertisement promise you or tell you that you need? Can this thing satisfy your deepest desires or values in life? As you examine this ad more deeply, have a brief conversation with God about what is coming up for you.



THE BUYERARCHY of NEEDS

Review the "Buyerarchy of Needs" by artist [Sarah Lazarovic](#).

How can this framework help you experience conversion in your habits of consumption?



St. Óscar Romero models what it means to allow the gospel to transform your life completely.

In light of the gospel, how has this Lenten practice provoked or unsettled you? How has this experience helped you to touch the sin of society?



YOU NEVER SEE A U-HAUL BEHIND A HEARSE. WHAT WE CARRY WITH US ARE THOSE MOMENTS OF ONENESS AND OUR CONNECTIONS WITH ALL THAT IS ALIVE. ALL WE HAVE BIRTHED AND NOURISHED AND LOVED.

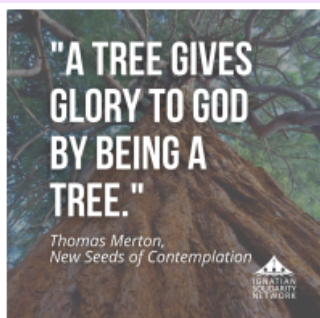
PEGGY O'NEILL, S.C.
TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT, 2015

Enoughness

You give glory to God by being *you*. The cycle of consumerism makes us believe the lie that we must own or consume certain things to be enough; however, our faith tells us that we are loved and enough just as we are. Having a heartfelt sense of our true self, as Merton calls our identity in God, our "enoughness," is an integral part of our spiritual work to heal the earth and curb consumerism.

Practice: Sit in a chair for 5 minutes and do nothing. During this time, imagine God delighting in you, not because of what you have or what you do, but simply because you are and you are enough.

Reflect: What was this experience like for you? Do you have a sense of being loved just as you are?



"When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor."

FROM ST. BASIL'S SERMON TO THE RICH

Almsgiving: Besides consuming less this Lent, consider donating items you are not using, such as clothing or canned food, to a local organization that could use them.



Art and Environment

The Baptismal Font

Dr. Wendy Yuen

In the past few weeks, when I practiced organ inside the sanctuary, I witnessed the maintenance crew tirelessly working—repairing, testing for leakage, and carefully restoring the baptismal font. I was so happy to finally witness the inclusion of all the wood panels to the font, bringing a sense of renewal and beauty to this sacred space.

Baptism is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church. This sacrament pardons all sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and joins us to Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection (Rom 6:4; Eph 2:6; Col 3:1; 2 Tim 2:11). We are incorporated into the Body of Christ and form one in his likeness (1 Cor 12:13). We become new creations through water and the Holy Spirit and are called sons and daughters of God.

The baptismal font is more than a piece of liturgical furniture—it is a sacred sign of our entry into the life of Christ and His Church.

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians understood the importance of baptismal waters. The *Didache*, a late first-century Christian manual, instructs: "*Concerning baptism, baptize in this way: Having said all these things beforehand, baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in living (flowing) water. But if you have no living water, baptize in other water...*" (*Didache* 7:1-2).

Liturgically, the font is often placed near the entrance of the church, marking our initiation into the Christian life. The Easter Vigil, the pinnacle of our liturgical year, sees the font come alive as new members are reborn in the waters of baptism, and the faithful renew their baptismal promises. The use of blessed water at the church entrance also invites us to recall our own baptism each time we enter, renewing our commitment to Christ.

The baptismal font at Saint Mary is octagonal in shape, rich in symbolism. Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week, which recalls the first creation. At the same time, it is also the eighth day following the Sabbath, representing the new creation brought about by Christ's Resurrection. The octagonal shape of the font reflects this profound meaning—symbolizing new life, resurrection, and the promise of eternity that baptism signifies.

As we pass by the baptismal font, let us pause and remember our own baptismal call: to live as children of the light, united with Christ, strengthened by the grace first given to us in these waters of new life, and incorporated into the Body of Christ.

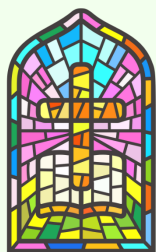
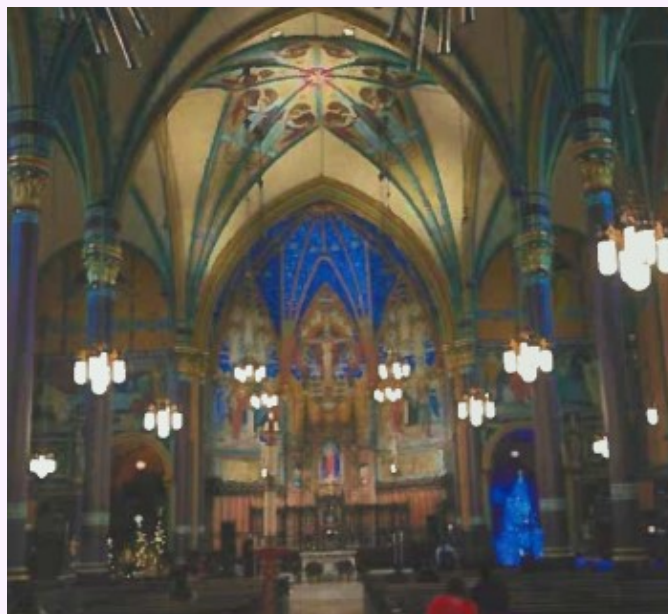
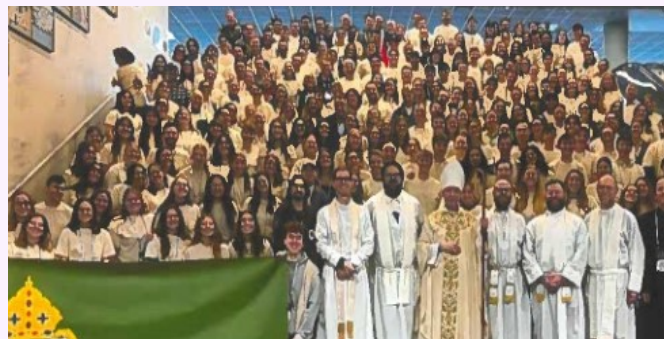
To deepen our appreciation of this sacred space, the **Fanning the Fire** ministry team will present a special **slide show on the history of the baptismal font at Saint Mary at 9 AM in the Social Center on April 27**. You will hear remarkable stories and see precious photos of this cherished part of our church's history. **Please mark your schedule and join us for this inspiring presentation!**



Dear, St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thank you for all your support and help, I appreciate your support in helping me attend Seek in Salt Lake City. Which was an amazing experience for my faith. Again, thank you for all your support and kindness!

Thank you, Kelleigh McKay



Mass of Healing

for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 5:30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
Diocese of Helena

On Thursday, April 10th, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Bishop Vetter will offer a Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma.

This special Mass is an opportunity for prayer, healing, and hope for all who have experienced abuse or trauma in any form, as well as for their families and loved ones. It is open to the public, and the entire community is invited to intercede for those in need of healing and peace.

Together, we will pray for all survivors, for those who work to protect children and the vulnerable, and for the Holy Spirit to guide efforts toward justice. This Mass is also a meaningful opportunity to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the most vulnerable and fostering a culture of care, accountability, and restoration.

Following the Mass, Bishop Vetter will be available for prayers and individual blessings of those who desire it.

To honor **Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the people she served who are the most vulnerable among us**, to celebrate the sacred season of **Lent** this **Jubilee Year** with the theme of ***Pilgrims of Hope*** the Parish Diversity Celebration Ministry created **The Corporal Works of Mercy in a Jubilee Year**. This brochure describes each of the Corporal Works of Mercy and suggests some innovative ways to integrate each of them into our Lenten practice and our daily lives as Catholics. You can pick one up at the Mother Teresa place in the Gathering Space.

Parish Diversity Celebration

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

When Did You See Me Homeless?

< **“Why Should I Care?”** A **film** featuring people who are homeless in Helena created and presented to us by Valerie Hellerman, Director of Hands on Global. Valerie will moderate a discussion after the film showing.

< **“Faces of Our Unsheltered Neighbors”** A **Photograph Collection** of people experiencing homelessness in Helena shared with us by Plymouth Congregational Church.

< **Flier on information** on homelessness in Helena and on **services** designed to prevent it and to assist our neighbors who become unhoused developed for us by Emily McVeigh, Executive Director of United Way.

< **Corporal Works of Mercy in a Jubilee Year Brochure – Shelter the Homeless.** *Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face* ~USCCB. This brochure includes ideas for incorporating each of the Corporal Works of Mercy into our daily lives.

Sunday March 30, 2025, 9:10-10:20 (between the Masses), Social Center

Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me.
Mt 25:40

Saint Mary Catholic Community supports Family Promise of Greater Helena, God’s Love and Good Samaritan Ministries in numerous ways. Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry does several volunteer projects for these and other organizations providing shelter, including the Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS HELP CHILDREN GROW HEALTHY IN GUATEMALA

In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services’ program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play.

Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read this week’s Story of Hope.

PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESH

Shahadat’s village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week’s Story of Hope.

Fish Fry



Friday March 14, 28, April 11 2025

5pm-7pm

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5:30 pm Stations of the Cross & The Rosary, followed by Soup & Bread
All are welcome

Saturday, April 5, 2025 ~ 7 am check-in

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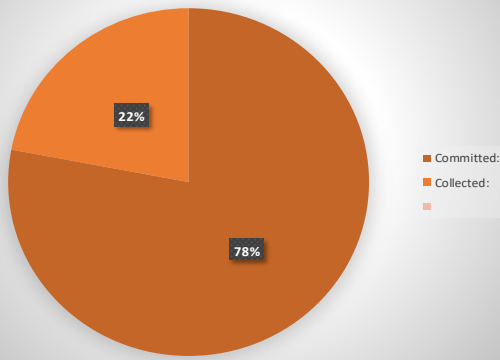
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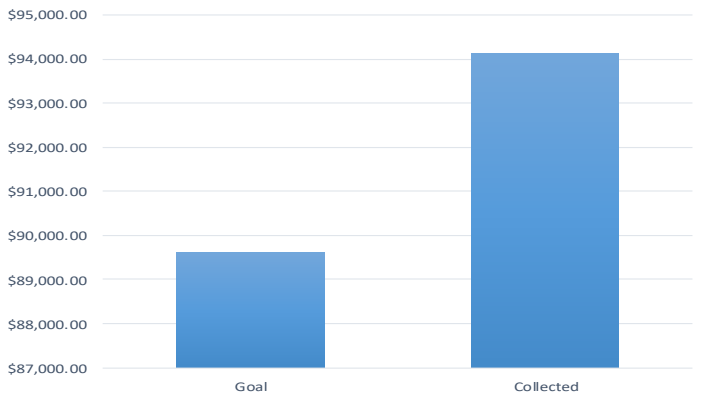


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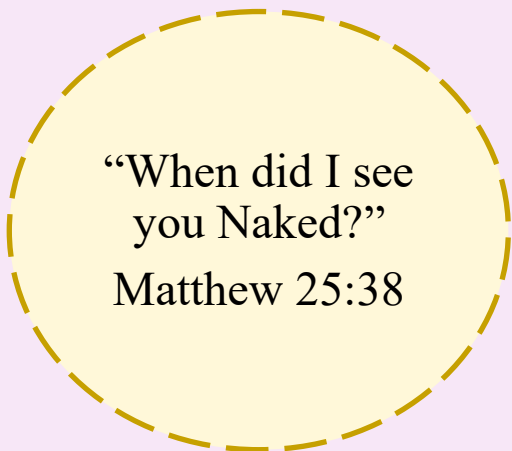
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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Sunday March 23rd:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:00 a, Mass; 10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday March 24th:** No Mass; 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA; 6:30 pm Managing Stress in Daily Life
- ◆ **Tuesday March 25th:** 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday March 26th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm–5:00 pm RE; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday March 27th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:30 pm Choir
- ◆ **Friday March 28th:** 12:10 pm Mass at Saint Mary Catholic Community
- ◆ **Saturday March 29th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday March 30th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; *No Children’s Liturgy of the Word*
- ◆ **Monday March 31st:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday April 1st:** 6:45 am Men’s Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday April 2nd:** 12:10 pm Mass; *No RE*; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; *No Youth Group*
- ◆ **Thursday April 3rd:** 12:10 pm Mass; 10:00 am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 5:30 Choir
- ◆ **Friday April 4th:** 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension; 5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Reflection with Jeanette Fregulia; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Saturday April 5th:** 1:00pm—3:00 pm Service Day at Good Samaritan Ministries; 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass



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.

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