

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

April 11– Touchmark

May 2– Mount Ascension

May 9– Touchmark

May 16– Cooney

April 6, 2025

**Fifth Sunday of
Lent**

“Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

John 8:11

April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

“Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Luke 23:46

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, April 6th—The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

8:00 AM Mass

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

Monday, April 7th—no Mass

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 8th—no Mass

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 9th

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

12:10 PM Mass for the intentions of Stacy Labond

rb: Rose Ann Bradley

4:00PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 10th

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

12:10 PM Mass for Herb Hazen✝

rb: Lori and Dennis Mayernik

Friday, April 11th

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

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

Saturday, April 12th

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil for Judy Hazen✝

rb: Lori and Dennis Mayernik

Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

8:00 AM Mass for Judy Hazen✝

rb: Lori and Dennis Mayernik

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

Monday, April 14th—No Mass

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday April 15th

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

12:10 PM Mass for Sandy Hayes✝

rb: Lori and Dennis Mayernik

Wednesday, April 16th

Isaiah 50:40-49a; Matthew 26:14-25

12:10 PM Mass for Rita Roland✝

rb: Lori and Dennis Mayernik

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 17th

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Revelations 1:5-8/Luke 4:16-21;
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18th

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

5:30 PM Passion of the Lord
Office Closed

Saturday, April 19th

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah
54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-
17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 PM Easter Vigil



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We continue to move through our Lenten season by prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. We gathered for Evening Prayer and Reflection with Jeannette Fregulia and reviewing the film, "Why Should I Care", a short documentary featuring the homeless people of Helena. We discussed ways in which we could move through the corporal works of mercy in this Jubilee year of celebration, to support and affirm our homeless population in Helena.

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 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 3/31/25	\$397,586
Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 3/31/25	\$392,945
Difference: (Received – Budget):		\$ 4,641

Maintenance Repair Needs and Gifts (FY 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 3/31/25))

Church Skylight 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: \$49,434
Difference (Received – Need): (\$15,776)

*20,935 has been raised to date towards the repair of the Baptismal font. We are close to the completion of this project! *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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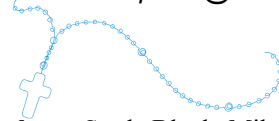
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From Father Tim

Last weekend, March 29th and 30th, Bishop Vetter announced at all of the weekend Masses here at Saint Mary, and at Our Lady of the Valley, that there would be one priest covering both parishes for the foreseeable future— myself. I want to thank Bishop Vetter for making the effort to go to all of the Masses at the respective parishes, and I believe he did a wonderful job in explaining the situation to all of us.

At one time, the Diocese of Helena had 130 priests in our Diocese— 30 alone were at Carroll College. Now the Diocese has less than 30 active priests, covering 63 parishes and 36 missions. As many of you know, Masses at some of the parishes and missions have been suspended, and some parishes have been closed; most notably in recent years, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Butte, the parish in which my parents were married.

So these are continuing challenging days in our Diocese, as all of us continue to mourn the loss of Fr. John Robertson, who was a wonderful contributor to Saint Mary in celebrating the Sacraments, relieving priests for vacation time, and being a wonderful friend and mentor for all of us.

As the Bishop stated at the Masses, change is hard for all of us; in particular, the changing of the weekend Mass schedule. I will be working with the Saint Mary and Our Lady of the Valley Staffs, our Liturgical Commission, and the Saint Mary and Our Lady of the Valley Pastoral Councils in determining a Mass schedule that will benefit both Churches. And as the Bishop stated, no matter what schedule we come up with, some will not be happy, as we embrace this particular Cross together.

As the Bishop said, help is on the way. Deacon Dillon Armstrong will be ordained into the priesthood for our Diocese this summer, and John Cooney will be ordained to the transitional Diaconate later this spring (the last step to priestly ordination). We have a number of seminarians who are in formation, but the process takes several years as these men discern a vocation to the priesthood. So I ask all of us to pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Diaconate and sacramental married life in our Diocese and worldwide.

All of us are in this together. And we know that the Holy Spirit will guide us and protect us in this challenging new adventure in our lives and in our Diocese. And we know we will succeed, because GOD IS WITH US, WHO IS LOVE, and LOVE NEVER FAILS!!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim

Pope's Intentions for April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

First Eucharist Class

First Eucharist Class will meet on
Sunday, April 6th from 9:15 am to
10:15 am in the Social Center.

If you have any questions, contact Dawn
or Lori in the Parish Office!

Opportunity for Prayer

Next weekend, after each Mass, the
names of all of our youth and adults
receiving Sacraments during the Easter
Season will be available.

Please choose 1 or 2 names and pray for
them during the Easter Season!

Could God be calling you to something new?

Would you like to be trained in
**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and
work with pre-school children?**

Please pray and consider joining us for
this training....space is limited!

Level 1 Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Saint Mary's

Schedule

Part A - September 26-28, 2025; October
24-26, 2025; March 27-29, 2026; April 24,
2026

Part B - April 25 - 26, 2026; June 4 - 6 &
June 8 - 9, 2026

Cost

\$600 - Tuition (will be paid by Saint
Mary's if you plan on becoming a catechist
here!)

\$100 **non-refundable, non-transferable**
deposit due at the time of registration.

Click [HERE](#) to register:

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.

On Thursday, April 10th we will finish the
commentary of the movie *The Way!*

We will not meet on April 17th, which is
Holy Thursday.

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

Call Dawn for more information!

*"It is difficult to love and not be loved
in return. And it is even more difficult
to serve if we do not let ourselves be
served by God."*

Pope Francis

Important Dates for Youth Group

April 9th: Living Stations Practice from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Followed by Dinner

April 16th: No Youth Group because of Holy Week

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>

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

-St. Gregory Nazianzen

A Special Thank you to the Pastoral Council for providing Dinner for all of the youth involved in the Living Stations of the Cross Practice on April 9th! What a blessing this is for all of us!!!!

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

Liturgical Life

Lift High the Cross

Dr. Wendy Yuen

Every four years, the world watches as athletes march into the Olympic stadium, proudly following their nation's flag. This symbol of unity and identity inspires not only those who carry it but also those who follow behind. In a similar way, the hymn *Lift High the Cross* calls us as Christians to rally behind the cross of Christ, proclaiming His victory and love to the world.

The cross is a profound paradox—an instrument of execution that has become a symbol of redemption. In the ancient world, crucifixion was a punishment reserved for the lowest of criminals, a mark of shame (Hebrews 12:2). Yet Paul boldly declares that he boasts in the cross of Christ (Galatians 6:14), recognizing it as the means of God's redemption (1 Corinthians 1:17) and the instrument through which God reconciles all people to Himself (Colossians 1:20).

Originally written in 1887 by George Kitchin (1827–1912) and later revised by Michael Newbolt (1874–1956), *Lift High the Cross* is a powerful processional hymn. Its strong, marching rhythm and triumphant refrain—"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name"—remind us that we are called to be witnesses of Christ's redeeming work.

Just as Christ bore His cross for our salvation, we are called to take up our own crosses and follow Him. Whether through acts of service, prayer, or sharing the Gospel, we are invited to be living testimonies of God's love in the world. As we sing this hymn in our liturgies, let it be a declaration of faith and mission.

May we, like athletes following their nation's flag, boldly follow Christ, lifting high the cross in our lives, so that all may come to know His love and salvation.

Pastoral Care

This week, we encountered a striking passage in Isaiah: “See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth.” When our Savior arrived, He defied all expectations. No one imagined that His crown would be woven from thorns or that His throne would be a rugged cross.

St. Paul, reflecting on this, declares that he counts everything else as “rubbish” compared to Christ—his Roman citizenship, his social standing, his prestigious education—all worldly privileges pale in His light. This bold stance invites us to pause and ponder: Where do I cling to earthly attachments, and what drives me to hold on?

Jesus meets us in these struggles with compassion. He understands that many of these attachments arise from repressed emotions or unhealed wounds from our past. We face a choice: turn toward the pain of the cross alongside Him or flee from it. Embracing it with Christ reveals meaning in our suffering, empowering us to endure it. We trust in Him who redeems and resurrects all sin. But if we run, if we hide and insist on facing it alone, we stumble into confusion, persistent suffering, and even deeper wounds. Perhaps we can ask him: Where am I resisting my crosses, and why? Who do I know that can help me to bear them?

We often recall only half of Jesus’ words to the woman caught in adultery. He neither condemns her nor is scandalized by her sin. Instead, with compassion, He has confidence in her and says, “Go, and sin no more.” He doesn’t judge her harshly, yet He fully grasps the weight of sin—a burden He will soon take on. Sin wounds us in our relationships, but it’s also through relationships—with Him and with one another—that we find healing.

The cross is heavy, no doubt. Yet, when we turn to the God of infinite surprises, we uncover the strength to do something new, even unfamiliar—something that might feel daunting or strange. We can shoulder the crosses of others and, in turn, allow them to help carry ours. In this shared burden, we discover the beauty of His unexpected grace.

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Palm Sunday – A Meditation

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry



As Palm Sunday approaches and is suddenly upon us, with the anticipation of Lent being in the rearview mirror, we can envision Jesus astride a donkey, a “beast of burden,” on a dusty road, people thronging around. **Who are the players in that scene? And where**

are we in that picture? Are we among the enthusiastic but deeply fickle bystanders, wildly waving palm fronds? Are we standing near the rear, mildly pleased but slightly skeptical? **Are we among** the onlookers from a distance wondering about the ruckus? Each of these stances presents a challenge: The wildly enthusiastic turn against Jesus in just a few short days. **Are we like them**, like the seed that falls on rocky ground, sprouts joyfully and then withers? **What about** the mildly pleased but skeptical ones? Perhaps they are like seeds that fell on more fertile ground. But as we know, even fertile ground needs tending. Our commitment to Jesus also needs tending. **What about** the seeds, choked out by the weeds? Are we like those onlookers who take in the “ruckus” but soon turn to worldly worries and pursuits?

Lastly, what about other players? *St. Francis taught that all God’s creatures were of value, have a place.* What about the donkey? Can we learn from him? Are there lessons we can take forward in our own lives?

The Poet Thinks About the Donkey*

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.
*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!*
*How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight!*
But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.
Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.
I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

**Mary Oliver, Devotions, c. 2017*

**May we, in whatever stance we find ourselves,
be brave enough to follow Jesus,
no matter how dusty the path, no matter how challenging our circumstances.**

Let us remember the donkey and let us pray.

Amen



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

“Many negative effects on the climate come from *our daily behavior*. It is necessary...to *make the decisions and changes in our lives*, for the sake of the *new generations* and those to come. *Only in this way can we preserve the planet.*” Pope Francis

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 \(igsol.net\)](#)

News Consumption + Hope

During Holy Week, we remember in a special way that we are an Easter people. We believe that resurrection is possible, and this belief is integral to caring for our common home. The news often shares stories about death and disaster, so today, you are invited to consider how your media consumption affects you and your ability to hope.

If you're feeling overwhelmed with stories of climate catastrophe, consider seeking out stories about what is going right. We cannot ignore the reality of death around us, but our faith invites us to be a people of hope, and sometimes some happy news can reinvigorate our work for justice.

Suggested Action: Read one story from [Happy Eco News](#) today, or simply browse the headlines for inspiration.

HOPE

The Carbon Map

Some places, particularly the "Global North," have historically consumed most of the world's resources. According to the Carbon Map website, Europe and the US have released around half the CO₂ ever emitted.



Visit [the Carbon Map](#) and click the play button on the top right of the screen to learn more about areas of the world that are most responsible for carbon emissions and areas that are most at risk from the impacts of climate change.

Reflect: What interior movements or emotions arise in you as you look at these maps?



This past week we focused on gratitude and the reality that we are loved and enough.

Suggested practice: As you go throughout your day, especially when you feel a sense of scarcity (not having or being enough), tell yourself, "I already have everything I need."

At the end of the day, reflect on this experience.

Bonus: If you missed any days this week or have something you'd like to return to on the calendar, make a little space for that today.



“...DEEP TIME AS A RADICAL PERSPECTIVE, PROVOKING US TO ACTION NOT APATHY. FOR TO THINK IN DEEP TIME CAN BE A MEANS NOT OF ESCAPING OUR TROUBLED PRESENT, BUT RATHER OF RE-IMAGINING IT; COUNTERMANDING ITS QUICK GREEDS AND FURIES WITH OLDER, SLOWER STORIES OF MAKING AND UNMAKING. AT ITS BEST, A DEEP TIME AWARENESS MIGHT HELP US SEE OURSELVES AS PART OF A WEB OF GIFT, INHERITANCE AND LEGACY STRETCHING OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS PAST AND MILLIONS TO COME, BRINGING US TO CONSIDER WHAT WE ARE LEAVING BEHIND FOR THE EPOCHS AND BEINGS THAT WILL FOLLOW US.”

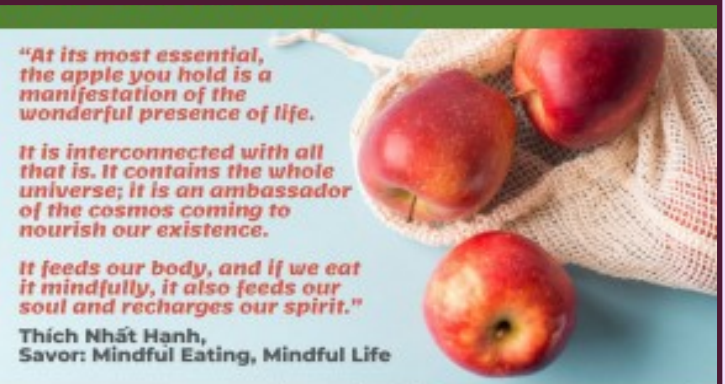
Robert Macfarlane, *Underland: A Deep Time Journey*

Pray: Remind yourself that you are part of a "web of gift" that spans eons throughout the day.

Washing the Feet of Creation

On Holy Thursday, Jesus models how we should treat one another by washing the disciples' feet. On this same day, we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, which means *thanksgiving*. When we feel gratitude for the gift of life, our natural response is to love and serve each other, to wash the feet of creation.

Suggested Practice: Today, find a simple way to "wash the feet of creation." Pick up a piece of litter, begin your day by going for a walk before looking at your phone, call a friend or family member you haven't spoken to in a while, sign a pledge to cancel your credit cards with banks that invest in fossil fuel infrastructure, or do something else that emerges for you as you thinking about how you feel called to wash creation's feet today.



Pope Francis reminds us that life is interconnected through the call to integral ecology. Mindfulness and prayer help us to slow down enough to remember this truth and to respond in gratitude for the gift of our lives in this interconnected system.

Pray: Ask for the grace to notice how your life is interconnected with the rest of creation and to



Good Friday

It can be easy to hold the world's suffering at a distance when we only engage with it at an intellectual level. For this reason, in the First Week of the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius invites the retreatant to ask for the grace of "intense sorrow and tears" for their personal sins and the structural sins that cause suffering.

Reflect: What people or realities have made you painfully aware of the suffering in our world related to environmental degradation? What has broken your heart? What stories or individuals come to mind?

Pray: As you remember Jesus' crucifixion on the cross today, ask for the grace to become "painfully aware" of the degradation that consumerism and overconsumption have

Art and Environment

Robust Symbols of the Triduum

Palm Sunday

It begins in the **Gathering Space** on Palm Sunday. We gather, the **Gospel is proclaimed**, the **palms** are held high and blessed, the congregation **processes** into the Sanctuary with their palms.

Holy Thursday

Oils presented...in beautiful containers...reminding us of our Baptism, Confirmation and the healing Sacrament of the Sick.

Towels and Bowls... The congregation is invited to have our feet washed. The towel, a symbol of the priest's Stole. Stole sign and symbol of service. The Scripture reminds us that on this night: "*As I have done for you, so must you do for others.*"

Good Friday

The **Wooden Cross** is presented, brought through the sanctuary. We come forward to venerate the cross. A **Communion Service** reminding us that the Triduum is one continuous liturgy.

Holy Saturday/Vigil

The **Easter Fire, the Rock, Paschal Candle**. Our liturgy begins in the dark with the Easter Fire, and the blessing of the Paschal Candle. We enter the dark Sanctuary with candles and hear the **Exultate** proclaimed. Still in darkness the **Story of Salvation** proclaimed, psalm responses sung from the **Ambo** until the **Gloria** when the Sanctuary is fully lit.

The **Font** (our new Font) becomes the place of **new Baptisms** and welcoming to new members. All are invited to process to the **Font** to **renew** our Baptism.

The Chrism is brought forward for the anointing of the newly Baptized and candidates. The **Chrism** can be sensed by all with its beautiful fragrance.

Easter Sunday

May the beauty of our **Liturgical Space**, alive with flowers and light brings the message of **HOPE** this day and throughout our **Jubilee Year**.



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



2025 Lenten Schedule



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

UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family."

As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit csricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit csricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

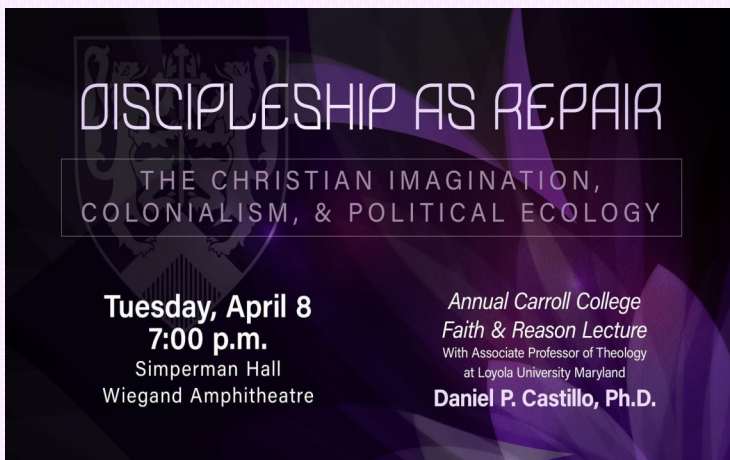
Director of Liturgy and Music

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Director of Liturgy and Music to support the operations of Saint Mary Catholic Community. The Director of Liturgy and Music will provide leadership in the planning, execution and celebration of all parish liturgical celebrations, with responsibility for preparing both liturgical and musical elements. The Director will help the parish worship and celebrate through a balance of contemporary and traditional music styles while encouraging the full, active and conscious participation of the assembly in the liturgy. As a member of the Pastoral Staff, the Director is expected to take an active role in the full life of the parish. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent education/experience in Liturgy, Sacred Music, Pastoral Studies, Theological Studies, or a related field. Strong organizational and communications skills are essential. This is a part-time salaried position, working 32 hours per week, with benefits. Annual salary range is \$39,000 to \$47,500, depending on experience. For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at www.stmaryhelena.org. Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhad-don@stmaryhelena.org. This position will remain open until filled.

Helena Catholic Journey

Are you curious about relics and the role they play in our Catholic faith? Were you aware there is a reliquary located in the Cathedral of St Helena? Please join Helena Catholic Journey at our monthly 'Gathering' where Michael Vreeburg, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy at the Cathedral of St Helena will be sharing the history and treasury of relics belonging to the diocese.

The Gathering will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 29th at the Cathedral in the St Mary Chapel. This is a family event, all are welcome to attend.



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Tuesday, April 8
7:00 p.m.
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With Associate Professor of Theology
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Daniel P. Castillo, Ph.D.



An Evening
**FOR THE SEPARATED
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**Are you or someone you know struggling
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Date: April 22 **Time:** 7 pm EDT **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Presenters:

- **Carolyn Klika**, Catholic Divorce Healing Coach, Abounding Joy Ministry
- **Bob Babecka**, Witness to Marriage

Topics Include:

- ✓ Coping with anger, guilt, shame, loneliness, fear, identity & more
- ✓ Healing spiritually & emotionally

REGISTER TODAY

Sign up at: www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events

→ You will receive the Zoom link or access recording afterward

◆ For questions, contact Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com

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5-6th Grade Girls July 6-11	Middle School Week 1 July 13-18
5-6th Grade Boys July 20-25	Middle School Week 2 July 27-Aug 1

*"By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*



Thank you to those who helped with the Family Promise Comfort Food Challenge. A big thank you to Ann Bauchman, Twila Costigan, Sandi Ashley, Kate Herron, and Carolyn Nelson for helping prepare the Chicken and White Bean Chili on Saturday morning. Thank you to Deb Kralicek, MC Pancich, Kelli Gustafson, and Sandi Clay for helping set up and work on Sunday. Saint Mary's chili was a big hit with quite a few people! We are already looking forward to next year's event!

Family Promise Volunteer Coordinators want to express their appreciation for all the help that we received during our host week of March 2nd-8th. Many people of Saint Mary Catholic Community assisted with preparing meals, shopping for groceries, being overnight guests and welcoming Family Promise guests at First Christian Church.

Another group of volunteers, led by Jan Buyske, represented us at the fund raiser for Family Promise on March 23rd, preparing our food entry, serving our delicious chili and joining other churches in contributing to Family Promise mission at the Comfort Food Challenge, held at the Fairgrounds. Thank you for buying tickets and giving donations to this endeavor.

We are grateful to each of you for your contributions. We will be hosting a week at Saint Mary's beginning of April 20th. Please consider joining us in this valuable ministry.

Thank you for your continued support!

Saint Mary Catholic Community Volunteer Coordinators,

Sandi Ashley (406)461-5574

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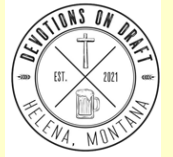
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Helena Catholic Young Adults

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on April 8th at 6 P.M. with guest speaker Alex Kautzky. Our meeting will be held at Mount Ascension Brewery on the main floor.



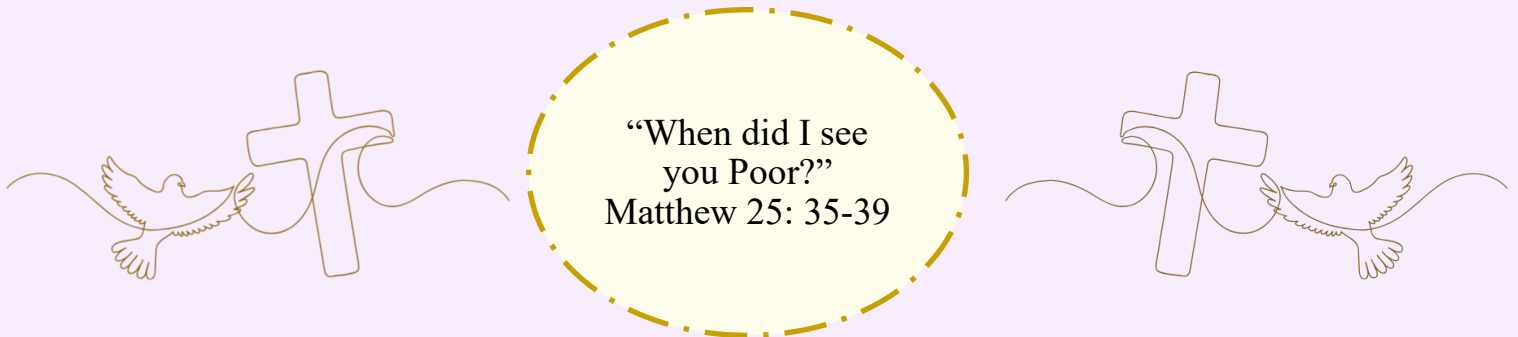
Blue Sunday

Blue Sunday will be recognized nationally on April 27, 2025. On this day, faith communities across the nation will help raise awareness of family resources in their own communities, furthering the mission to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect in Montana. In honor of Blue Sunday, Saint Mary Catholic Community will display blue pinwheels, the symbol of a happy childhood, in the yard outside of the church.

Many thanks to Dawn Brannman for showing “The Letters” and facilitating a discussion that increased our understanding of the depth of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s faithful, loving relationship with Jesus as she served the material, emotional and spiritual needs of people living in poverty.
The Parish Diversity Celebration Ministry

Funeral Reception Committee

If you have brought dishes for funeral receptions and have not yet picked them up, please feel free to pick them up from the table outside of the Social Center.



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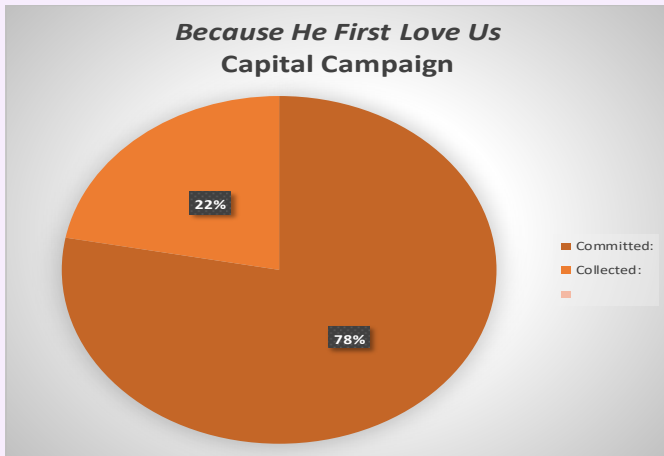
Mass of Healing

for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 5:30PM
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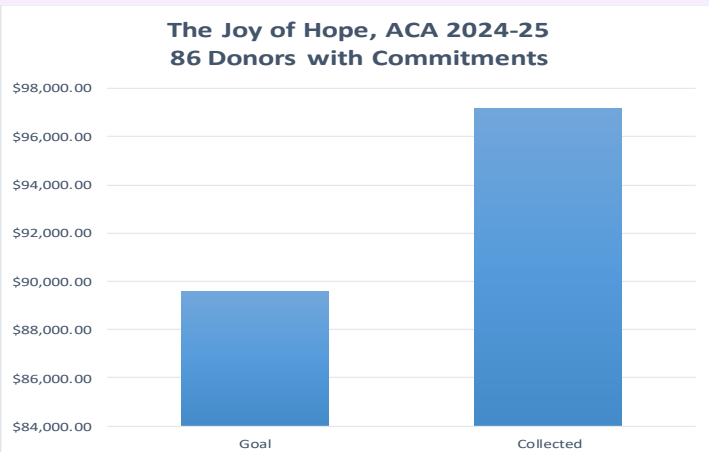
‘Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality’
is playing at the Cinemark on
Sunday, April 27th at 4 p.m.



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Goal	\$89,600.00	Largest Pledge:	\$2,000.00
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- ◆ **Sunday April 6th:** 8:00 am 1st Scrutiny Mass; *No Children's Liturgy of the Word*
- ◆ **Monday April 7th:** No Mass; 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday April 8th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; No Mass
- ◆ **Wednesday April 9th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm–5:00 pm RE; 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Confessions; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday April 10th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:30 pm Choir
- ◆ **Friday April 11th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark; 5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm Soup and Bread
- ◆ **Saturday April 12th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday April 13th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday April 14th:** No Mass; 6:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm Grief Group; *No OCIA*
- ◆ **Tuesday April 15th:** 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; 2:00 pm Book Club
- ◆ **Wednesday April 16th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; *No RE; No Youth Group*
- ◆ **Thursday April 17th:** 12:10 pm Stations of the Cross; 10:00 am– 3:00 pm Quilters; 7:00 pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper
- ◆ **Friday April 18th:** 12:10 pm Living Stations of the Cross; 5:30 pm Passion of the Lord; *Office Closed*
- ◆ **Saturday April 19th:** 9:30 am Morning Prayer; 8:30 pm Easter Vigil and Reception



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

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



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2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from 5AM to 10PM.
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Jesus wants to spend more time with you...
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