

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Friday:
10am to 2pm

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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Livestream

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

[Click here to become a parishioner](#)

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

July 12—11:00am Touchmark

July 19—10:30am Cooney

July 26—No Mass at Care Center

August 2—10:30am Mt. Ascension



July 7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

Mark 6:4

July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7



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, July 7th—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

8:00 AM Mass—For Lorraine Tucker✙

Rb: Jim Tucker

10:30 AM Mass—For all Fathers

Monday, July 8th—No Mass

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 9th

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-28

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Fr. Sean Raftis

rb: Michelle, Renee and Dawn

Wednesday, July 10th

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

12:10 PM Mass—for Jane Semple✙

rb: Jerry and Maureen LaChere

4:00-5:00pm Confessions

Thursday, July 11th

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Matthew 10:7-15

8:00am Mass—for Meredith Krutar✙

rb: Renee Barnes

Friday, July 12th

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

11:00am Mass at Touchmark—for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

Saturday, July 13th

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Dave Gibson✙

rb: Bizz Browning

Sunday, July 14th—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14;

Mark 6:7-13

8:00 AM Mass—Tim Schroeder✙

rb: Mary Schroeder

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

Monday, July 15th—No Mass—

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday July 16th

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

12:10 PM Mass—for William Carrell✙

rb: Renee Barnes

Wednesday, July 17th

Isiah 10:5-7, 13-16; Matthew 11:25-27

12:10 PM Mass—Bridget Kirby✙

rb: Renee Barnes

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, July 18th

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

12:10 PM Mass—for Mary Kelly McCue✙

rb: Steve McCue

Friday, July 19th

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

10:30am Mass at Cooney for the intentions of the People at Cooney

Saturday, July 20th

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—Teri Cole✙

rb: Dawn Brannman



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We prayed for the sanctity and protection of all human life from conception until natural death in our state, in our nation and throughout the world

As ministering stewards: We hosted celebrations for retiring staff and a long time parishioner who moved away.

As sacrificing steward:	6/16/24	6/23/24	6/30/24
Pew/Mail:	\$4,941	\$2,530	\$3,273
Direct:	\$1,360	\$ 305	\$ 360
Online:	<u>\$3,281</u>	<u>\$1,511</u>	<u>\$1,461</u>
Total:	\$9,582	\$4,346	\$5,094

Stewardship Income:

FY 23-24: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 \$521,623

FY 22-23: 7/1/22 – 6/30/24 \$465,407

Difference: \$ 56,216

Total Monthly Income (June): \$39,270

Average Monthly Expenses: \$60,000

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30

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

Reflection – July 2, 2024

This week, we celebrate the 4th of July nationwide; a time of parades, barbecues, fireworks, camping, and gatherings with family and friends. It is also a time when we remember our freedom as a nation: our personal freedoms, such as freedom of religion, free speech, freedom of assembly, and our inalienable right to be the people that the Lord called us to be.

But, as all of us know, we are never truly free in our hearts and minds until we do the will of God. Jesus Christ is our true peace and hope in our lives. The power of love that came into the world 2,000 years ago is the same power of love that is in our hearts. With Christ in our lives, we are free to love and to forgive; to be compassionate and be present to those in need; to gather together and celebrate the Eucharist (in freedom); to give us the wisdom, strength and peace to follow the Lord in our lives.

In a sermon by Saint Augustine, he states: “THIS IS OUR GLORY: THE WITNESS OF OUR CONSCIENCE. There are men who rashly judge, who slander, whisper and murmur, who are eager to suspect what they do not see, and eager to spread things they have not even a suspicion of. Against men of this sort, what defense is there save the witness of our own conscience...

We do not seek, nor should we seek, our own glory even among those whose approval we desire. What we should seek is their salvation, so that if we walk as we should, they will not go astray in following us. They should imitate us if we are imitators of Christ; and if we are not, they should still imitate him...It is clear who is intended by the apostle Paul: If I wanted to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.” So true freedom comes in Christ alone. If we follow Him with all of our hearts and keep the prize that awaits us, we will be truly free to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and the next. God bless all of you! Happy 4th of July! Fr. Tim.

Pope’s Intentions for July 2024

For the Pastoral Care of the Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grants the Lord’s strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Help Needed



Next fall, Saint Mary Catholic Community will begin a program for our pre-school children called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). This method of Religious Education follows the Montessori method. One of the important factors of CGS is building an atrium, a sacred space for children to develop their relationship with God. The atrium is designed to meet the child's spiritual needs through prayer, beauty, and silence .

The atrium contains many materials for hands-on learning which are simple and beautiful, such as dioramas, small figures of biblical people, and geographic materials such as the map of Israel and the City of Jerusalem. Everything in the room is scriptural and liturgical. It is purposely structured not as a classroom, but a place in which the spiritual life can be lived.



Thank you to all who have signed up and are already making materials for the atrium!

One of the things that we need are dioramas for different Biblical stories. You may have noticed this diorama in the gathering space! It is a diorama for Mary's House in the Annunciation. It took the person who make it approximately 3 hours. If this is something you are able to do, please consider signing up. We still need dioramas for Elizabeth's house at the Visitation, a house for the Visitation of the Magi, The Pearl Merchant's house for the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and a Diorama of the Empty Tomb! You will receive detailed instructions on how to make each diorama!

We prayerfully invite you to consider helping in making any of the materials for the atrium. We need materials completed by the end of August.

I invite you to look at the list of needs, and if you are curious or feel called to a certain item, please sign up. I will then contact you and give you more information and you can decide then if you want to commit to making the material.

Signing up now only indicates an interest, not a commitment! You can sign up to help [here!](#)

Please call Dawn in the Parish Office for more information or to sign up.



Catholic Extension Grant Update

Thank you for all who prayed, participated in meetings and filled out surveys for our Catholic Extension Grant Application! We have great news! We were awarded **\$15,000** to help with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program and other faith formation activities for families! **God is Good!!!!!!**





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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

From Dawn

Welcome Michael Honeycutt to the Catholic Faith and to Saint Mary Catholic Community! Michael received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion On Sunday, June 16th at the 10:30am Mass



YOUTH MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY

Please Pray for our youth and volunteers at VBS this week!!!!



Chosen

“The Chosen” is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus, and it envisions his story through the eyes of those who knew him. See the transformations of his followers through the ministry of Jesus as he journeys to change the world. Each week we will watch 2 videos, followed by discussion.

Join us to see how “The Chosen” might transform you!

Every Wednesday beginning July 17th from 6pm to 8:30pm

**Please Pray for those attending
Legendary Lodge!**

5th and 6th Grade Boys

July 7-12

High School Camp 2

July 14-19

May your time at the Lodge fill you with awe and wonder of God’s Great love for you!

Liturgical Life

Whatever Be the Love

Dr. Wendy Yuen

In a small Texas town called Possum Trot, an extraordinary story of love and commitment unfolds. This close-knit community is home to Bennet Chapel, where Reverend Martin and his wife, Donna, serve as guiding lights. Responding to a call, they embarked on a mission to adopt children from foster care. Their journey began with their own decision to adopt, and soon, they inspired other families within their church to follow suit.

Over the years, Reverend Martin, Donna, and the families of Bennet Chapel have opened their hearts and homes to 77 children. These were children often deemed the most neglected and abused, the ones no one else would take in. Through their unwavering love, they have provided these children with the stability and nurturing care they so desperately needed.

The remarkable story of Reverend Martin, Donna, and the Possum Trot community is beautifully captured in the movie "Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot." At its core, this narrative is a powerful testament to God's love. It is this divine love that radiates through Reverend Martin, Donna, and the entire Possum Trot community, illustrating how God's love can inspire people to change lives and uplift the most vulnerable among us.

Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953) is a distinguished theologian and hymn writer who wrote the text for the hymn "Whatever Be the Love." She is a Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College in Brevard, NC. With a Ph.D. from Emory University, Bringle has made significant contributions to pastoral theology and began writing hymn texts in 1999.

Verse one of the hymn speaks to the omnipresent and all-encompassing nature of God's love, acknowledging that all forms of human love—romantic, familial, or friendships—are ultimately embraced and refined by God's divine love and grace.

Verse two highlights the transformative power of God's strength in our lives, showing how even our smallest acts of courage are empowered by God's presence, helping us to overcome fear and achieve our fullest potential.

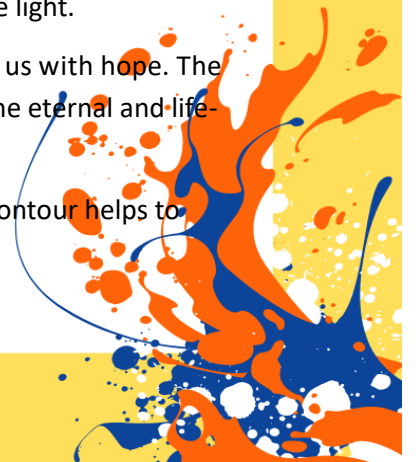
Verse three emphasizes the role of God's wisdom in guiding us through life's questions and challenges, leading us to pursue justice and embrace the truth.

Verse four explores the journey of faith and the ultimate union with God, emphasizing that regardless of the nature of our faith, God uplifts it and guides us toward divine light.

Verse five underscores that all songs are part of God's music, which sustains us with hope. The unity of morning stars and mountain peaks in symphonies of joy symbolizes the eternal and life-affirming nature of divine music that transcends death.

The music for this hymn was composed by Lori True (b. 1961). The melody's contour helps to paint a broad picture, depicting the all-embracing love of God.

Let us sing and be the embodiment of this love to everyone around us.





Pastoral Care



A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



Don't forget your Virtus bulletins still need to be answered during the summer. Please make sure you are not behind.

If you are having difficulty connecting, call the parish office or Mathias at the Diocese 406-442-5820.

REMINDER

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit from a Minister or from Fr. Tim, please notify the parish office.

This is the only way we will know if someone is in the hospital.

There will be **NO** hospital Ministry July 4-5.

Stuff the Bus!

"Stuff the Bus" now donates direct-to-school grants instead of physical donations of school supplies. We have learned from this change is that the schools are better able to get the exact school supplies they need when they need them.

We hope to provide school supplies for 1,400 students in need this fall.

Angel Fund's goal is to raise \$60,000 by August 2nd!

Please consider one of the options below:

*Send a check to PO Box 7436, Helena, MT 59604, or make a donation on-line at:

*Stop by any Valley Bank and deposit in our "Stuff the Bus" account (VB matches up to \$5,000); or make a

*donation at: <https://givebutter.com/StufftheBusHelena>

Prayer of Eucharistic Ministers

O Heavenly Father, I thank you for calling upon me to serve You and Your people.

Help me to be worthy of this extraordinary honor. Let me nourish Your people with the witness of my life, while I feed them with the Body of Christ.

Grant Your strength and holiness to all Your Ministers of the Eucharist, and make them worthy to bring Christ to others. Amen.

I would like to thank everyone who came by in the past week to wish me well in my retirement.



Thank you for the gifts, lunches, cards, flowers and so much more. The farewell gathering was wonderful and very appreciated. Thank you most of all to each and everyone of you who have supported me in my ministry the last 16+ years here at Saint Mary Catholic Community. *Deb*

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

We Pray and Act for God's Creation

*May the beauty of our Montana summer reaffirm our commitment to heal and protect
the water, air and land we love
and to see in them the glory of our Creator.*

So much of what we do in our daily lives impact God's creation in both positive and negative ways. As we live our lives, our faith calls us to **be aware** of the consequences of our actions, our community's actions, our country's actions and our world's actions. We must open our eyes wider and see the world through a lens of wonder and care for God's creation.

Simple actions build awareness. Awareness leads to **commitment**.

Commitment **opens our minds** and creates energy for healing and **deeper care for creation**.

Care for Creation Actions (Adapted from Environmental Justice Project – Diocese of Stockton)

Garden/Yard

- Use **electric powered tools** or hand tools instead of gas. Take old gas-powered tools to recycling centers where metals can be reused.
- Practice **organic gardening and plant trees**. Check out Growing Friends of Helena, an all volunteer urban tree-planting organization.
- Install drought-tolerant landscaping, and replace nonfunctional turf with decks, patios, low water use ground covers.
- Ensure your sprinklers are watering plants, not the sidewalk or street.
- **Remove weeds**, they steal water needed by your plants.
- Build awareness of positive gardening techniques by volunteering at St. Mary's Community Garden. Sundays at 11:30-1 and Wednesdays at 6-7 PM.

Shopping

- Bring your own **reusable shopping bags** or decline the use of a bag. Keep reusable bags in car.
- **Evaluate your needs** and cut down on unnecessary purchases. Donate or sell unneeded items.
- Shop for clothes, furniture, and other items at **secondhand stores**. <https://buynothingproject.org> is very active in big cities but may provide some opportunities here in Helena.
- Return reusable items to merchants (e.g. plastic and rubber pots to nurseries).
- **Avoid plastics**, especially those with #'s 3, 6 and 7 on them.

Protecting Montana for Future Generations – Consider supporting our MT youth July 10 from 9:30am – 10:40am Oral Arguments at the Montana Supreme Court



On May 5, 2024 Barbara Chillcott, an attorney in the landmark climate change trial, spoke to a group of interested SMCC parishioners. Our Children's Trust wrote, "Last summer...Judge Seeley ruled in favor of the 16 youth plaintiffs. This landmark ruling enshrined science-based protections for children's most fundamental rights into law. **Held v. Montana** was the world's first, winning, youth-led constitutional climate lawsuit."

"... the State appealed the historic win to the Montana Supreme Court. On **July 10** attorneys for the youth plaintiffs will have the opportunity to underscore the importance of upholding Judge Seeley's landmark ruling at oral argument." www.ourchildrenstrust.org/montana

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Immigration in the U.S. – Facts To Ponder

Many of us are concerned about immigration and certainly about illegal immigration at the border. We see disturbing images on the news, on the internet and in print. Popular media promotes the misconception that Americans are of two minds: either viewing the immigration at the border as a threat that must be squelched at any cost, including human lives; or viewing immigration as a tragic reality for people who must be supported and welcomed regardless.



Holding either of those two views to the exclusion of nuances in between simply obfuscates understanding the facts of the situation and blocks meaningful, long term and humane solutions.

Below are some facts about immigration in general:*

- ◆ The United States is home to more immigrants than any other nation, about 45 million or 13.6% - about the same as it was 100 years ago. (U.S. Census Bureau)
- ◆ Immigrants are just as likely as U.S. born to have a bachelor's degree or more - 32% and 33% respectively. (Pew Research Center)
- ◆ Deporting the approximately 8 million unauthorized workers in the U.S. would not automatically create 8 million job openings for unemployed Americans. Removing millions of undocumented workers from the economy would have drastic effects on the economy, consumers and taxpayers. Furthermore, native-born workers and immigrant workers tend to possess different skills that complement one another. (National Immigration Forum)
- ◆ Because of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 undocumented immigrants are barred from access to most federal benefits, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. (National Immigration Forum)
- ◆ The federal government spends about 0.2% of Medicaid expenditures on emergency and life-saving services and 0.03% of the total national health expenditures for undocumented immigrants. (National Immigration Forum)
- ◆ A significant portion of undocumented immigrants (27%) say they avoided applying for food, housing or health care assistance in the past year because of immigration-related fears. (KFF.org)
- ◆ Undocumented immigrants make significant contributions to the U.S. tax system by paying sales, income and property taxes. In 2021 these households contributed \$30.8 billion in total taxes, including \$18.6 billion in federal income taxes and \$12.2 billion in state and local taxes. (U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey)
- ◆ Undocumented immigrants contribute over \$13 billion into Social Security and \$3 billion to Medicare each year – funds for which they will never see benefits. (New American Economy)
- ◆ Immigrants are 60% less likely to be incarcerated than people born in the U.S. (National Bureau of Economic Research)

Knowing facts about immigration doesn't solve our current serious immigration problems. However, knowing some facts and learning more may help lessen our presently polarized viewpoints. That in itself is a first step.

May we pray for and work towards understanding and humane solutions.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

*<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org> – The mission of the Social Justice Resource Center is to link faith to action by providing information and resources on the social issues of our time.



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*for 1-year, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.

Visit kofc.org/joinus
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Knights of Columbus #844

The Helena Council #844 of the Knights of Columbus meets the 2nd Thursday of every month. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM at the KofC hall.

Catholic Men, if you're not a member but have interest, please checkout KofC.org to learn more.

You can sign up online and you'd be very welcome in our Council.

2022 ACA Distribution



Annual Catholic Appeal

The Diocese of Helena invites you to review the 2022 ACA Summary on our website. We surpassed our goal for the ACA and happily were able to fund all our ministries. Thank you all for your support!

Also, you will find a report on the latest ACA 2023 numbers. Still have a little way to go to hit goal!

As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries. Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me, Sharon Witham 406-389-7062 to make a gift over the phone.

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

The Helena We Adore Him Team invites you to spend a Holy Hour with Jesus each week! Here's how:



1. Sign up for a free account at: Helena.WeAdoreHim.com
2. Choose the hours you would like to pray at Trinity Chapel on the Carroll College campus from **5AM to 10PM.**
3. Make changes or find a substitute at the same website.
4. Need **two adorers scheduled per hour** so that Jesus is protected and never left alone, so **SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

Jesus wants to spend more time with you...



Help Others Discover Christ

Together we have raised

\$485,955

58% of our \$838,000 goal

Embracing anew the Great Commission of Jesus to "go and make disciples" **Because He First Loved Us** will provide \$4.5 million to create an endowment fund to provide ongoing support for our shared work of evangelization, so that we can more effectively reach out to all of God's people.

The number of active Catholics in the Diocese has dropped from 66,000 in 2000 to just 46,000 in 2022. Knowing this, how will we help others encounter Christ? Every disciple is baptized into the mission of evangelization.

We must learn to love through involvement, training, mentoring, and ongoing formation.



Please scan the QR code to learn more at the **Because He First Loved Us** website

You are Invited!

The Order of the Discalced Carmelite Seculars will be having an open house for the Feast of St. Elijah on Saturday, July 20th. Join us at 11:00 am at Holy Cross Parish in Townsend, MT. The community will celebrate Mass with Fr. Bart Tolleson presiding, and will be receiving the Temporary Promise of one of its members. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be available after Mass for anyone who wishes and scapulars will be available. A light reception will follow the Mass in the social hall. Information about the western Montana Community of Carmelites will be available for anyone interested in learning more about the Order of Discalced Carmelite Seculars.

A Note from Mary Schroeder

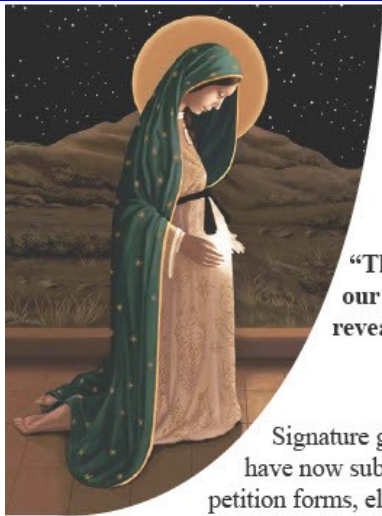
Thank you for the wonderful reception after mass on June 19. I totally appreciate all the love, well wishes, cards, phone calls and remembrance moments (including humorous stories), I received from everyone. All of you will continue to be in my heart and part of my spiritual family. A special thank you to all the individuals who organized, donated food, to make this a special day - a day I will never forget.

Address: 3610 S Springs Drive
Chandler AZ 85286

Phone: 406-422-7321

May God continue to bless all of you and
bless St. Mary Catholic Community.

I miss you. *Mary Schroeder*



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

“The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.”

*—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2023.*

Signature gatherers for the petition to place Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) on Montana’s November ballot have now submitted their petition forms to county election administrators. Within four weeks of receiving statewide petition forms, election administrators must check the names of all petition signers to verify they are registered voters in their county. Petition signatures will be compared with voter registration signatures and then verified signature sheets will be submitted to the Secretary of State, no later than July 19. If there are sufficient verified signatures filed, the Secretary of State will certify that the petition has qualified for the ballot.

As we await the final signature count and verification, our Montana’s Catholic bishops urge us to continue praying for the defeat of CI-128, the protection of all human life, and the conversion of heart to which God calls all of us. Whatever the outcome of this initiative process, the Church will remain vigilant in boldly proclaiming the truth about human life and working to build a culture that upholds the infinite dignity of every person.



From Montana’s Bishops

Joint Letter & Video
Stand for Life in Montana



Join our Bishops as we stand for every child’s right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.

“Mother of Life” is by nationally known artist, Nellie Edwards. All Rights reserved. See story of artwork: www.PaintedFaith.NET

Blessing Box



Thank you so very much for your response to our parish's Blessing Box (*previously called Homeless Pantry*).

Through your generosity, we were able to keep the pantry stocked through the winter!

The Blessing Box continues to be a huge success with lots of individuals in need using it.

Now spring is here! We will still accept donations of food and toiletries, but we also need bug spray, visors, baseball caps, bottles of water and sunscreen.

Thank you for your generosity!



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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

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

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

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

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

Workers have rights. **WORK** has dignity. We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call.

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We are for **CREATION**.

We live in interdependence with all God has made.

You are Invited

The Blessing of A Place to Celebrate Diversity and Immigration

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

"Universal Patron of Immigrants"
~Pope Pius XII 1950

12:45 Wednesday, July 10 in the Gathering Space

Deacon Michael Seipp, who immigrated from Canada with his family, will be presiding.

- ~ Receive a blessing with holy water from Mother Cabrini's shrine
- ~ Learn about Mother Cabrini and her service to immigrants
- ~ Explore your own family's immigration story
- ~ Find out about the ways our parish will be celebrating Mother Cabrini and immigrants during the next 3 months

We are all from somewhere.

A Place of Prayer and Reflection to Celebrate Diversity

Events Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Mark your calendars:

† July 10th: 12:45 (after daily mass) **Blessing of the Mother Cabrini Place**, gathering space, including a blessing for participants and a personal story - Michael & Glenda Seipp

† July 15th 1:00 **Beverages and snacks, "Cabrini" film** in the social center

† August 18th 5:30 **Spaghetti dinner, "Cabrini" film** in the social center

† September 5th: 6:30 **Desserts and beverages, "Cabrini" film** in the social center

*We are many parts; we are all one body.
Romans 12:4-8*

A Place of Prayer and Reflection to Celebrate Diversity

The Life and Legacy of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

“Universal Patron of Immigration” ~Pope Pius XII 1950

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, affectionately known as Mother Cabrini, was born Maria Francesca Cabrini into a modest family in northern Italy on July 15, 1850. She was interested in becoming a missionary from an early age. It is said that as a child she dressed her dolls as nuns, made little boats out of paper, placed violets in them and pretended they were missionaries. She launched them onto a nearby canal to set sail for China or India.

She suffered from poor health and the loss of many of her siblings and of her parents. She was reluctantly told that she was too frail to join the Daughters of the Sacred Heart after earning her teaching certificate and graduating with honors from their school. Instead, she served as headmistress of an orphanage and began to gather like-minded women around her. She took religious vows in 1877 and added Xavier to her name to honor Saint Frances Xavier, the patron saint of missionary service. She hoped to be a missionary in the Far East as he was.

In 1880 she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC). The sisters established orphanages, nurseries, and day schools to serve the poor. In 1887 she asked Pope Leo XIII to send her to China to establish missions there. He encouraged her to go to the United States to help the flood of Italian immigrants there, most of whom knew little of their Catholic faith and were living in poverty, struggling to make their way in a different world. **She was to be an immigrant serving immigrants.**

Initially Frances Cabrini encountered difficulties as the archbishop in New York was not immediately supportive. **She was prayerful and resourceful as she established orphanages, schools, religious education classes, clinics, and hospitals despite the tremendous odds she faced.** She fought for equality, dignity and respect for those she served. Facing her fear of ocean travel, she made 24 trips across the Atlantic and founded 67 missionary institutions across the United States and throughout Latin America and Europe. She became a citizen of the United States in 1909. In 1926, nine years after her death on December 22, 1917, the MSC sent missionaries to China, realizing Mother Cabrini’s childhood dream.

Many people who witnessed Mother Cabrini’s faith, courage and unflinching, dedicated service to the most vulnerable and who received her mercy, aid and practical assistance believed she was a saint during her lifetime. She was canonized on July 7, 1946, as the first citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Chicago’s Soldier Field was filled with 120,000 people for a mass of Thanksgiving. At least two healing miracles are attributed to her. One was restoring the sight of a baby who later became a priest and was present at her beatification. Her Feast Day is November 13. She is the patron saint of immigrants. She is informally recognized as an effective intercessor for finding a parking spot. It is said, “She lived in New York City. She understands traffic.”

The National Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini is in Chicago, Illinois. There are numerous other shrines around the United States and in other countries around the world, including major shrines in Golden, Colorado and New York City. Dozens of Catholic parishes in the United States, Italy, and several other countries are named after her, as well as hospitals, schools, nursing homes, parks, a housing project, and a railway station. In 2024, Angel Studios released a powerful film entitled “Cabrini.”

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are present and active in the world continuing the services initiated by Saint Frances Cabrini. Their mission is **“to bring the mercy that flows from the Heart of Jesus to every person we serve...to live the Charism of Mother Cabrini. It is a call to each one of us to build, heal, and repair.”**

“May I always recognize Christ in the people I meet and respond to them with respect and sensitivity as you did.”
~Prayer to Saint Frances Cabrini



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- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

We Pray for all those serving in the Military

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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.

Prayers for the Deceased

Charlotte Kelly

*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.

We currently have openings on the Pastoral Council

- Pastoral Council is made up of 8 to 12 parishioners and is the primary consultative (advisory) group to the Pastor. A valuable team for St. Mary.
- Council members serve a three-year term that can be renewed one time for a total of six years.
- Five of our council members are 'terming out' in September
- Pastoral Council meets on the second Wednesday each month at 5:30
 - ◊ Meetings are held in October, November, February, March, April and May.
 - ◊ Council serves and supports our Parish Mission Statement.
 - ◊ Pastoral Council Statutes are posted on the website.
 - ◊ If you are interested in learning more, there are information packets available on a table in the gathering Space, please take one.
 - ◊ You can also contact Father Tim or reach out to one of the Council members listed in the bulletin.



Our parish is a supporter of a number of outreach organizations in town, including:



Catholic Social Services : 406-442-4130

Guided by a commitment to respect for life, CSSM serves the varied needs of mothers, babies and children by building and strengthening families in Montana.

De La Salle Blackfeet School: 406-338-5290



Provides a quality , innovative and faith-based education to students on Blackfeet Reservation, that they may become successful learners and able participants in the shaping of their community.



Family Promise: 406-465-9467

Helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through an interfaith network of hospitality.



Friendship Center: 406-442-6800

Supports victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse with a broad range of support at no charge.



God's Love: 406-442-7000

Supports homeless in our community and helps provide food and shelter.



Good Samaritan Ministries: 406-442-0780

Supports family life in our community and enhance human dignity with services to meet the physical health, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families.



Guatemala Mission: Established in 1964, our diocesan mission at Santo Tomás la Unión, Guatemala is comprised of a school, a clinic, and the mission headquarters. The mission provides essential services to poor people in the coastal highlands of the country.



Habitat for Humanity: 406-449-4663

Self-described "Christian housing ministry" is devoted to building simple, decent, affordable housing in the Helena area. (www.helenahabitat.org)



Helena Community Gardens: 406-529-1364

Makes gardening accessible to low-income families, people with disabilities and the elderly, increasing access to healthy locally grown food. Our Jubilee Garden, which donates fresh organic produce to Helena Food Share, is a member of the Helena Community Gardens family. (www.helenagardens.org)



Helena Food Share: 406-443-3663

Creates a hunger free community with emergency food boxes monthly and weekly produce and breads.



Options Clinic: 406-422-1011

Guided by a commitment to respect for life, Options offers a wide range of health care services to men and women free of charge. (www.optionsfriends.org)

If the good work of any of these organizations resonates with your desire to serve, please feel free to contact them—and please mention that you are from Saint Mary Catholic Community.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:10 PM Mass
- ♦ Fridays: Mass *at rotating sites in local care centers.*
Coming up: June 21 Cooney; July 12 Touchmark
- ♦ Wednesdays: Confessions 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
- ♦ Tuesdays: Eucharistic Adoration after the 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM
- ♦ Saturdays: 3:00—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30 PM Vigil
- ♦ Sundays: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
Livestream Masses available [here](#)

- ♦ Sunday July 7th: VBS in Social Center
- ♦ Monday July 8th: 9:45am Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 1:00pm Grief Group in St. Ann's; VBS in Social Center 1pm to 5pm
- ♦ Tuesday July 9th: 12:10 Mass followed by Adoration; VBS in Social Center from 1pm to 5pm.
- ♦ Wednesday July 10th: 12:10 Mass; Blessing of Mother Cabrini Shrine in Gathering Space at 1:00pm; VBS in Social Center from 1 to 5pm. Confessions from 4 to 5pm;
- ♦ Thursday July 11th: 8:00am Mass; VBS in Social Center from 1 to 5pm, SMCC Zoom Community at 7pm.
- ♦ Friday July 12th: VBS in Social Center from 1 to 5pm.
- ♦ Saturday July 13th 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30pm Mass
- ♦ Sunday July 14th: Café Mom Orders
- ♦ Monday July 15th: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 1:00pm Mother Cabrini Movie in Social Center
- ♦ Tuesday July 16th: 12:10 Mass followed by Adoration; 2 to 4pm Book Club in St. Ann's
- ♦ Wednesday July 17th: 12:10 Mass; 4:00 to 5:00 PM Confessions; 5:30pm Joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting in St. Ann's, 6:00 pm Youth Group watches Chosen in Social Center Thursday July 18th: 12:10 Mass

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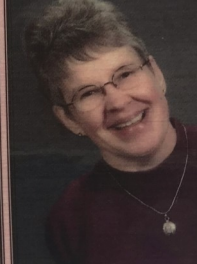
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