

# Saint Mary Catholic Community

## Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Friday:  
9am to 4pm

## Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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**Flocknote** (to receive news and updates from us): **Signup here**

### **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 26—No Mass at Care Center

August 2—10:30am Mt. Ascension

August 9—11:00 Touchmark

August 16—10:30 Cooney

July 21, 2024

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

**Mark 6:30**

July 28, 2024

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

**John 6:14**



### 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 21st—Sixteenth Sunday in

## Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

**8:00 AM Mass**—For Charlotte Kelley✠

rb: Monday Morning Prayer Group

**10:30 AM Mass**—For the people of the Parish

## Monday, July 22nd—No Mass

Song of Solomon 3:1-4b/ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18

## Tuesday, July 23rd

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Teri Cole✠

rb: Dawn Brannman

## Wednesday, July 24th

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Millie Johnson✠

rb: Peggy and David Mannix

**4:00-5:00pm Confessions**

## Thursday, July 25th

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

**8:00am Mass**—for Katrina Miltenberger✠

rb: Darcy and Jeff Kreamer

## Friday, July 26th

Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

**11:00am Mass**—for the intentions of Seminarians

rb: Jeff and Darcy Kreamer

## Saturday, July 27th

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

**3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions**

**4:30 PM Vigil**—for the intentions of Jeff Kreamer

rb: Darcy Kreamer

## Sunday, July 28th—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6/ John 6:1-15

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

**10:30 AM Mass**—for the intentions of Bart Tolleson and all Priests

rb: Jeff and Darcy Kreamer

## Monday, July 29th—No Mass—

Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 11:19-27/ Luke 10:38-42

## Tuesday July 30th

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

**12:10 PM Mass**—for the intentions of Seven Sisters in Helena Diocese

rb: Jeff and Darcy Kreamer

## Wednesday, July 31st

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

**12:10 PM Mass**—in thanksgiving for the birth of Martha Sophia Kreamer

rb: Darcy and Jeff Kreamer

**4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions**

## Thursday, August 1st

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Millie Johnson✠

rb: Peggy and David Mannix

## Friday, August 2nd

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

**10:30am Mass** at Mount Ascension for the intentions of the People at Mount Ascension

## Saturday, August 3rd

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

**3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions**

**4:30 PM Mass**—Margale Prestipino✠

rb: Sam Prestipino



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.

<b>As Generous stewards:</b>	<u>7/7/24</u>	<u>7/14/24</u>
Pew/Mail:	\$6,085	\$3,649
Direct:	\$1,713	\$1,360
Online:	<u>\$2,176</u>	<u>\$2,031</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,974</b>	<b>\$7,040</b>

### **Stewardship Income (corrected):**

FY 23-24: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 \$521,623

FY 22-23: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23 \$504,482

**Difference: \$ 17,141**

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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**Pastoral Council Members:** Mary Lou Abbott, Jan Buyske, Rick Duane, Andy Galen, Ed Glowienka, John Larson, Casey Molloy, Cari Schwen and Jim Tucker, Sr.

**Finance Council Members:** Dave Brown, Jerry LaChere, Anna Miller, Lori Murphy-Moulet, and Maureen Stohl.

## *From Father Tim*

Reflection – July 18, 2024

On behalf of the rest of the St. Mary Staff, I want to welcome Keaton Pettis, our new Administrative Assistant/Communications coordinator and Caitlin Wagoner, who will join us August 1st, our new Director of Pastoral Care at St. Mary Catholic Community. We are excited to have them as members of the St. Mary Staff, and look forward to all of you meeting them and welcoming them to our parish as well.

Keaton Pettis was born in Billings and grew up in Laurel, until 2017, when she and her family moved to Jefferson City. She started high school in Boulder that fall, and graduated from high school in 2020. Keaton recently graduated from Carroll College with a degree in English Literature. She enjoys baking, golfing, crocheting and spending time with family and friends.

Caitlin Wagoner was recently married and has worked at the Diocese of Helena retreat center The Sycamore Tree, where she was involved in customer service, and assisting those on retreat with specific needs. She also has worked with an entity of Good Samaritan Ministries – Our Place – as a Peer Support Specialist and later became the Interim Program Coordinator. Welcome Keaton and Caitlin to our staff, and may God bless both of you abundantly!

In the Gospel of John 11: 28-30, it says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” We pray for those who are sick and suffering, and those who recently have lost loved ones. May God’s healing and strength be with them. And we also pray for our firefighters and all in public service during these difficult days of wildland fires. May God give them peace and rest when possible, and may God continue to bless all of us during these hot days of the summer of 2024. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you! 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.

## 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



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

# Faith Formation

## A Journey for Life

From Dawn

**Thank you so much to all who helped with our Vacation Bible School!**



VBS Adult helpers: Jan Stetzer, Shannon Sexaur, Alissa Voeller, Lois Menzies, Deb Kralicek, MC Pancich, Maria Foot, Jessica Hayes-Cook, Dawn Brannman and Lori Mleko

Student crew leaders: Marelee Cloninger, Madelyn Cloninger, Addi Russell, Jaxson Lockett, Caeddyn Kralicek, Erika Foot, Tyson Schulte and Charlotte Schulte



# Liturgical Life

***Here I Am, Lord***

Dr. Wendy Yuen

God calls to each of us in unique ways. The timing, place, and circumstances of these calls are tailored to our individual journeys. Often, we wonder why God reaches out when we feel weak and inadequate. The apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29:

“Consider your own calling, brothers... God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.”

What matters most is our response: "Here I am, Lord." Embarking on a faith journey into unknown and uncertain territories is both exhilarating and challenging. Prepare yourself for this adventure and embrace it with faith and courage.

One inspiring example of answering God's call is the story of Daniel Laurent Schutte. At 31, Schutte was studying theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. While still a seminary student, a friend asked him to write a song for an ordination Mass. The friend specifically requested that the hymn include images of the Word of God, the light of Christ, and the bread and wine.

Schutte recalled, “I sort of had to catch my breath, because he was knocking on my door on Wednesday and I knew the ordination was on Saturday.” Despite suffering from the flu, Schutte prayed, “God, if I am going to do this for my friend, you are going to have to help me.” In just two days, he completed both the text and music for the hymn, which became known as "Here I Am, Lord."

Daniel Laurent Schutte, born in 1947, is an American composer of Catholic liturgical music. He wrote "Here I Am, Lord" in 1979, and it was published in 1981. The hymn gained widespread popularity, transcending denominational boundaries and being sung in many Protestant services as well. The hymn is based on Isaiah 6:8, where the prophet hears the voice of the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

Schutte's hymn is framed with God speaking in the first person, beginning each verse with “I, the Lord.” Verse 1 speaks of God hearing the people's cry in darkness; verse 2 emphasizes God's love and care for those with hardened hearts; and verse 3 highlights God's inclusive invitation to the feast for all, including the poor and lame. The refrain is our response to God's call.

Let us answer God's call with a willing and open heart, trusting in His guidance and love.

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**We need more Cantors!**

*We'd love to have more voices leading the congregation in singing and praying during Mass! If you'd like to serve as a cantor, please reach out to Wendy.*



# Pastoral Care



## 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.

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.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### 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.

## Here are some tips for elderly people to stay safe in the heat:

- Stay hydrated

Drink water regularly, even before you feel thirsty, especially if you're outside or exercising. Older adults should drink 1.7–2.0 liters of fluids per day.

- Dress appropriately

Wear loose-fitting clothing and a hat to protect your face, neck, scalp, and ears.

- Use sunscreen

Apply sunscreen with a high SPF regularly, as the elderly's skin can burn more easily.

- Minimize heat sources

Avoid using the oven or stove to cook, and use blinds or curtains to block the sun.

- Stay cool

Take a shower, eat light, cold meals, or have cooling snacks like frozen peas or popsicles. You can also try staying with a friend or family member who has air conditioning, or take an "air conditioning break" at a library or mall.

- Rest

Don't overwork yourself, and make sure you have someone check up on you.



# SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

## WERE YOU CONVINCED?

If you were alive in the 1950's or have parents and grandparents who talk about the "good old days" you will no doubt hear stories of family picnics beside a beautiful mountain stream where some could fish, some could play and some could take a snooze in the shade of a big tree. In those good old days everything that was needed for a picnic was brought from home, and everything was returned, to be washed and put away for the next outing. There were no throw away containers, no single use plastic bottles, no disposable cutlery to leave behind for someone else to deal with.

In fact, in those days, our parents and grandparents were still trying to recover from the very lean days of World War II---to throw away anything at all that could be used again was beyond comprehension for most of them. They were frugal, practical and appreciative of their material possessions. The world, however, was about to change.

It was in the 50's that the production of plastic began in earnest, with much of it being marketed as ideal for families since it was sturdy and not easily broken, thus reusable. Before long, unfortunately, the chemical and fossil fuel companies that manufacture plastic realized they needed to change their marketing philosophy in order to increase sales....people were not replacing their sturdy, unbreakable plastic ware fast enough to keep production and sales up. The resulting new product, along with a corresponding ad campaign was the beginning of the "throw away" world we live in now. Companies fought hard to convince people it was ok to toss a cup or a plate after a single-use---in fact it was preferable because they came at such a low cost and were abundant. The older generation was harder to convince since they had lived through hardship and scarcity but each generation to follow was further removed from the stories of the war, more inclined to look for ways to make their lives easier, less complicated, less "old fashioned". Plastic manufacturers happily seized on this new mindset and within just a few short decades plastic was everywhere and along with it, a constant reminder from fossil fuel companies that it all came with "toss away" prices. (1)

As big soft drink companies switched from glass to plastic bottles in the 1970's plastic waste began piling up so companies once again changed their advertising strategy: now they concentrated on recycling. If they said it could be recycled it was still a great idea. Even as this was happening, a 1976 study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had concluded that substantial recycling of plastics was unlikely in the near future. (2) As we know, this did not deter the soft drink companies. They are now some of the biggest plastic polluters globally.

Do you remember being excited... **convinced** to accept plastic to make your life easier? Could you be just as easily **convinced** now to stop using something that we know is polluting the air we breathe and the water we drink...killing marine life and birds in all corners of the earth and creating garbage that is likely to be with us for hundreds of years? Could you be **convinced** to give up single-use plastics?

(1) NPR, June 11, 2024, Creating a Throw-away culture

(2) ibid



# SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

## Peace, Justice, Fauna, Flora



Every creature is a word of God.  
If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature—  
even a caterpillar—  
I would never have to prepare a sermon,  
So full of God is every creature.



Meister Eckhart

**When we think of peace and justice, the world of flora and fauna rarely enters the picture.** The principles of Catholic Social Teaching state, “We are for creation...in interdependence with all God has made,” leaving us with an array of open ended interpretations. *So is one really out on a theological limb to imagine fellow creatures, even lowly flora, worthy of justice, of peace?*

**Some theologians and scientists have proposed that we reframe our perceptions of animals as well as plants.** Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, a renown theologian and distinguished professor emerita of Fordham University has explored this reframing in her recent book *Come, Have Breakfast*. (Orbis,c. 2024)

**Sr. Elizabeth combined scriptural references along with writings of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*, other religious writers and scientists to present a world where the same divine Spirit which has been breathed into human beings is also brought to fullness in all fauna and flora.** With no small amount of evidence she states that: “On balance, the Bible is pervaded with what some scholars call a zoological gaze... (which) sees a mutual relation existing between God and animals.” (p.49) In *Laudato Si* Pope Francis writes that “God is intimately present to each being without impinging on the autonomy of the creature.” He continues: “The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God...The final purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward, with us and through us, towards a common point of arrival, which is God.” (LS80, 83)

**Technology has allowed scientists to greatly expand our understanding of the cognitive awareness and communication ability of animals.** For example, a study published in “*Nature, Ecology and Evolution*” (June 2024) found that elephants use individual names they invent for each other, and that these names are not based on imitation as with dolphins and parrots. <https://tinyurl.com/3b6ypnsf> Furthermore, as most anyone who has lived with an animal and connected deeply with it can attest, interspecies connection and communication attests to divine breath and sentience and is life-changing.

**So what would peace and justice for fauna and flora look like? There are no rules here and no experts to consult, but here are some considerations:**

Expanding our environmental awareness from making the earth sustainable for “future generations” to “future generations of all life forms.” (Perhaps that’s implicit, but not clear).

Supporting efforts to make our meat industry more humane.

Learning about and appreciating how varied and amazingly different are the sensory capabilities of other life forms (e.g. trees pass on information critical to survival through their roots).

Remembering creation always in our actions and our praise of God:

**“O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;**

**The earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24)**

*St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry*



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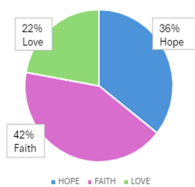
## Knights of Columbus #844

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](http://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](http://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**

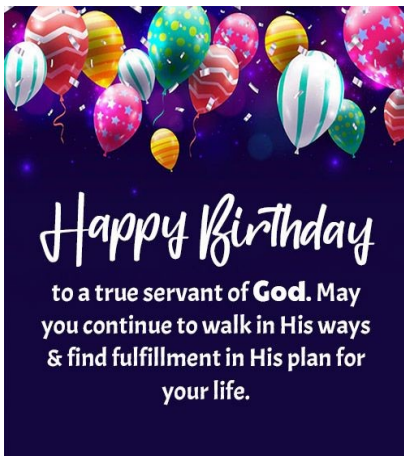
Embracing anew the Great Commission of Jesus to "go and make disciples" **Because He First Loved Us** will provide \$4.5 million to create an endowment fund to provide ongoing support for our shared work of evangelization, so that we can more effectively reach out to all of God's people.

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

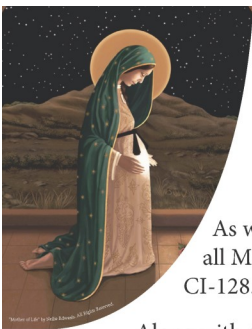


You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Fr. Tom O'Donnell's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius, downstairs in the Mavsar Center. Join us for a light lunch and birthday cake! No gifts please!! Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

St. Mary's will also celebrate Fr. Tom's 90th birthday party on July 27 following the 4:30 mass in the Gathering Space!



There will be a farewell to Liz Downs on the 24th of July following 12:10 Mass



# Montana Catholics For Life

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## For Babies For Mothers For Families

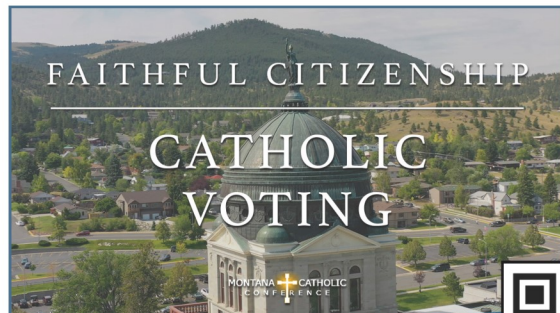
As we continue to answer our Montana Bishops' call to defend life, we ask Christ to grant a conversion of heart so that we, and all Montanans, would better recognize and respect the infinite dignity of each human life and reject the radical abortion initiative CI-128.

Along with prayer in our families and after each Mass, our Montana Bishops are now inviting all the faithful to observe abstinence from meat on Wednesdays, seeking God's mercy on us all and special protection for the unborn. This optional observance will continue until the threat of CI-128 is addressed, possibly until voting in November. Please watch and share the videos below. May they bless us and all who watch them as we promote the beauty and sanctity of life. Both videos are found at the link and QR code below.

Seeing Reality: The Contemplative Outlook, Sisters of Life



Catholic Voting, Montana Catholic Conference



Find these, and more life-affirming resources at [montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life](http://montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life), or by scanning the QR code.



## 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.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF HELENA

## THE DIOCESE IS HIRING!

DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP  
AND ANNUAL GIVING

Priority Deadline: July 22, 2024

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### Events Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Mark your calendars:

† 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*

The Saint Francis Peace Through Justice ministry will be volunteering to assist the Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team (HARRT) in helping a refugee family that they expect to be receiving in Helena at the end of July. Two trainings will be put on by HARRT before we start assisting the family. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please join us at either of the trainings being held on July 23rd or July 25th at 5:30 at the HARRT office, 2712 Billings Ave, Helena. For additional information please contact Catherine Pinegar at 715-360-3448.

## Pilgrimages to Our Lady of the Rockies

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

This year we are again offering a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Rockies, August 15, the Feast Day of the Assumption. If you haven't visited the 90 foot statue of Our Lady that rests on top of the Continental Divide overlooking Butte, Montana, this summer might be the opportune time to join our pilgrimage. Many pilgrims from out of state come each summer to enjoy the trip, pray, play and stay. Our time will be filled with faith, fun, and friendship. Why not join us. There are many other sights to see and enjoy in Butte including the Copper King Mansion, Museum of Minding, and a trolley tour of Butte.

Please consider joining us for the day. We are including the schedule as follows:

1. Gather for Mass at 8:30 am, St. Ann's Catholic Church on Cobban and Farragut
2. Meet at Our Lady of the Rockies Gift Store at 9:30 (Butte Plaza Mall)
3. Board the bus at 10:00

Lunch on the mountain, fellowship, pictures, etc.

Rosary on site

Video and presentation by Leroy Lee

The bus will return us to the gift shop at approximately 4:00.

Tickets this year are:

Adults: 25.00

Children: 10:00

Please contact the Gift Shop 782-1221 to make your reservation.

Questions: feel free to call 406-797-3381 (Nita) or 406-563-2022 (Judy)

It is imperative that you make your reservations in a timely fashion at the gift shop. We need a headcount for lunch.



# SEMINARIANS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

2023-2024

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Kaleb Mitchell	Riley Helgoe
Brett Rotz	Anthony Olmes
James Semling	Jamie Severson
Carter Anderson	Shae Bills
Lane Buus	Matt Keck

- Please continue to pray for our Seminarians -

## We Pray for all those serving in the Military

Natasha Walker	Nathan Mill
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Andrew Welch	Tyler Eierdam
Ed Eve, Jr	Colby Smith
Jack Cotter	Cody Gleich
David Beatty	Andrew McGuffey
Jackson Haddon	Nicholas T Nelson
Stephen Ceo	Tristan Anne Driessen
Lucas Robson	Daniel Mattingly

*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

**Paul Lehman**

*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:** August 2 Mount Ascension
- ♦ 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](#)**

- ♦ Monday July 22nd: 9:45am Prayer Group in St. Ann's; 1:00pm Family Promise in St. Ann's
- ♦ Tuesday July 23rd: 10:00 Joseph Steffens Baptism; 12:10 Mass followed by Adoration; 1 to 2:00 P.M. Grief Group
- ♦ Wednesday July 24th: 12:10 Mass; Farewell for Liz Downs following 12:10 mass; Confessions from 4 to 5pm
- ♦ Thursday July 25th: 8:00am Mass
- ♦ Saturday July 27th: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30pm Mass; 90th birthday party for Fr. Tom following 4:30 mass
- ♦ Monday July 29th: 9:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group in St. Ann's
- ♦ Tuesday July 30th: 12:10 Mass followed by Adoration; 1 to 2:30 Grief Group in St. Ann's
- ♦ Wednesday July 31st: 12:10 Mass; 4:00 to 5:00 PM Confessions
- ♦ Thursday August 1st: 12:10 Mass
- ♦ Saturday August 3rd: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions; 4:30pm Mass



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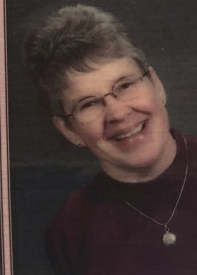
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