

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:

9am to 4pm

Friday

9am to 12noon

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

October 18 – 10:30 a.m. Cooney

November 1– 11:00 a.m. Mount
Ascension

November – 11:00 a.m. Touchmark

October 13, 2024

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”

Mark 10:27

October 20, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43



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, October 13th—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30/10:17-27

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

10:30 AM Mass—for Mille Johnson✠

rb: Lori Tolon family

Monday, October 14th—No Mass

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 15th—No Mass

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 16th

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:37-46

12:10 PM Mass—for Terry Frisch✠

rb: Carol Frisch

4:00-5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, October 17th

Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

12:10 PM Mass—for Dennis Swanson✠

rb: Carol Frisch

Friday, October 18th

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

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

Saturday, October 19th

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Violet Coleman✠

rb: Nancy Coleman

Sunday, October 20th—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:13-16; Mark 10:35-45/10:42-45

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

10:30 AM Mass—for Ed Janney✠

rb: Lori Tolon

Monday, October 21st—No Mass

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday October 22nd

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Elmer and Mary Olson

rb: Michael and Mary Foot

Wednesday, October 23rd

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

12:10 PM Mass—Helen Dunbar✠

rb: Catherine Ortwein

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, October 24th

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

12:10 PM Mass—for Barbara and Bill Bisom✠

rb: Bisom children

Friday, October 25th

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

11:00 AM Mass—for Mike and Nancy O'Dell Family

rb: Carol Frisch

Saturday, October 26

Ephesians 4:7-18; Luke 13:1-9

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—for the intentions of Rita and Al Roland

rb: Judy and Herb Hazen



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We gathered our children, youth and those interested in becoming Catholic into formal religious training these past two weeks. May God bless the work of our catechists and the learning of our children, youth and OCIA candidates. May we hold them in prayer as they journey together through this upcoming year.

As ministering stewards: We met to listen on a presentation given by Valerie Hellerman regarding refugees' journeys, and discussed the Congolese family who recently emigrated to Helena. We also cleaned the parish grounds to prepare it for fall, blessed our animals and gathered to pray for those who needed healing at our Anointing Mass.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

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| Fiscal year 2024-25 Received: | 7/1/24 – 9/30/24: | \$115,908 |
| Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget: | 7/1/24 – 9/30/24: | <u>\$127,787</u> |
| Difference: (Received – Budget): | | -\$ 11,879 |

Maintenance & Repair Needs and Gifts (Fiscal year 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25))

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| Church Sky Light Repair (Estimate): | \$ 7,000 |
| Regular Maintenance & Repair (cleaning, painting, etc.) | <u>\$18,720</u> |
| Current Need: | \$25,720 |
| Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received: | <u>\$10,417</u> |
| Difference (Received – Need): | -\$15,303 |

Note: Maintenance & Repair gifts can be made using the stewardship envelopes identified as Maintenance & Repair; or by indicating in the memo field of your check "M&R". All gifts can also be made online through our website, www.stmaryhelena.org. Thank you!

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

In the Gospel of Luke (11: 5-13), Jesus says to the disciples: “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey, and I have nothing to offer him...’”

Now the friend initially refused to help him because it was late and his children were in bed and asleep. But because of the one in need’s persistence, the man assisted him.

Some people simply will not ask for help due to pride, self-reliance – or trusting that God will take care of him. But the man who came to his friend for help at midnight clearly needed help, and even though it had to be a frustrating inconvenience to his friend, he helped him in the wee hours of the morning.

The Lord tells us in this Gospel to be persistent when in need, and with our relationship with God. “And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...” The Lord tells us not only to pray, but to **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**.

The Lord also tells us to love Him with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Notice He says **WITH ALL OF OUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH AND MIND**— to do this command with every ounce of our being!

You hear professional athletes say to their teammates “leave it all out on the field.” And that’s what all of us are called to do: to love so hard it hurts; to love, to serve others, to be compassionate, and to forgive with every ounce of our beings. That’s what it means to embrace the Cross of Christ. In doing so, we will be set free.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Tim.

Pope’s Intentions for October 2024

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

Come and Visit the Atrium

Our Atrium for Catechesis of the Shepherd has been blessed and our sessions have begun! We would love for **you** to come and see it also!

**The Atrium will be open after every Mass
On October 19 and 20.**

The atrium is located in the
basement of the
Pastoral Center!



**Are you interested
in becoming
Catholic?**

OCIA classes are for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic and adults who are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Our OCIA group will meet weekly on Monday evenings. Contact Dawn at the Parish Office for more information.

Registration is still open for RE Classes!

Online registration is available [HERE](#).

Cost for Religious Education is \$70 (\$95 if preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist.) Financial Assistance is available!

Contact Lori or Dawn if you have any questions!

The Chosen Viewing and Discussion Group Season 4

We will not meet on October 17th because of Family Promise, but we will meet on October 24th!!!

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, October 9th: MS and HS Youth Groups meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING on OCTOBER 16



JUNIOR HIGH RALLY - ALL SOULS DAY - November 2 | Great Falls

A day of faith and fun for young people in grades 6-8 from across the Montana. The day will move between prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy, and more. This year we will break open our rich catholic teachings and traditions about all souls day!

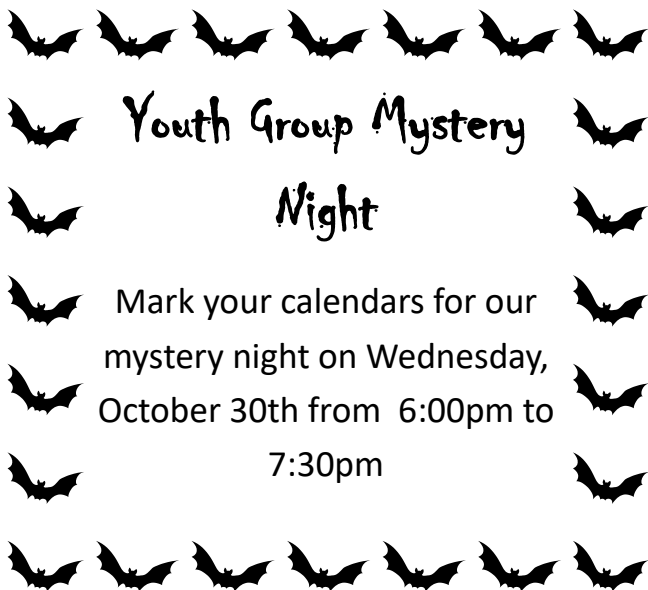


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Youth Group Mystery Night

Mark your calendars for our
mystery night on Wednesday,
October 30th from 6:00pm to
7:30pm

Save the Date

Mark November 3rd on your
calendar! Youth will serve at the
Senior Thanksgiving Dinner from
3:15pm to 6:00pm!

More information coming soon!!!!

Liturgical Life

Love One Another

Dr. Wendy Yuen

When the American Civil War erupted in 1861, Clara Barton was living in Washington, D.C., working as a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office. But when she saw the suffering and desperation of wounded soldiers, she felt a calling to do more. She began gathering food, clothing, and medical supplies to support those on the front lines. Yet, Barton's desire to serve went beyond simply collecting donations—she chose to travel directly to the battlefields. There, amidst the chaos of war, she cared for the injured, offered comfort, and provided nursing care. Despite the constant danger of gunfire and the threat of disease, Barton's dedication to her mission never wavered. Her bravery and compassion earned her the nickname "Angel of the Battlefield" from the soldiers whose lives she touched.

These experiences not only shaped Barton's character but also laid the foundation for a lasting legacy. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross, creating an organization dedicated to providing relief during times of war and disaster. Barton believed that every life—no matter how vulnerable or wounded—was worth saving. Her life of service was built on the conviction that love is not simply spoken but demonstrated through action, especially in moments of suffering.

Barton's selfless devotion to others beautifully reflects the message of Bob Dufford's song, *Love One Another*. Inspired by Jesus' words in John 13:34—"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another"—the song is a powerful reminder to us that love calls us to reach out to those around us. It is a love that is not confined to words or feelings, but is expressed through acts of kindness, compassion, and selflessness.

The refrain of *Love One Another* captures this call to action: "Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you. Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds, and so you will know my return." It invites us to reflect on the depth of Christ's love for us and encourages us to show that same care and support to those around us. When we help carry one another's burdens and tend to each other's wounds, we become instruments of Christ's love in the world.

Musically, the song's stepwise melody creates a gentle and flowing contour, as if painting a picture of Christ's love that is wide, long, high, and deep. The melody's simplicity allows the message to shine through, inviting all who sing it to be moved by its meaning. It feels like a musical embrace—one that reminds us of God's ever-present love and inspires us to share that love with others.

As we sing *Love One Another*, may we find inspiration in both Barton's example and Christ's commandment. Let the song remind us that true love is more than a feeling—it is a willingness to reach out, to care deeply, and to meet others with kindness and compassion.



Pastoral Care

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Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”
The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”

LK 10:38-42

St. Gregory the Great wrote, “For what is set forth by Mary, who sitting down gave ear to the words of our Lord, save the life of contemplation? And what by Martha, so busied with outward services, save the life of action? Now Martha’s concern is not reproved, but that of Mary is even commended.” He then arrived at this vital conclusion: “For the merits of the active life are great, but of the contemplative, far better.” Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to His words. We can always listen to God in the silence of our hearts while meeting the demands of each day, but in what other places can we be still with Jesus?

Spiritual reading, gazing upon a Crucifix, silent thanksgiving after reception of the Most Holy Eucharist, praying with the scriptures (*lectio divina*), or time spent before the Tabernacle in Adoration are some ways in which we can listen to Our Lord in silence. Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, “We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church touches on many topics including meditation: “Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.”

What are three practical steps one can take to be less like Martha and more like Mary? Slow down, be still, and listen. It is St John of the Cross who said, “What we need most in order to make progress is to be silent before this great God with our appetite and with our tongue, for the language He best hears is silent love.”

Yours in Christ,

Caitlin

Life Giving Opportunities:

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like to receive the Most Holy Eucharist, please contact the parish office: (406) 442-5268.

Please join us for Adoration at SMCC after the 12:10 Masses on Tuesday, October 22nd. Join in praying for the Sanctity & Protection of Human Life during Adoration at the Cathedral of St Helena on Saturdays in October after the 9 AM Mass (coinciding with Confessions!).

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

As we Americans exercise our right and privilege to vote for and select our leadership, let us consider the qualities of a leader that align with Catholic Social Teaching.

St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry



A Prayer For Leadership*

Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

Give us, O God,

leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek more than development for ourselves—

though development we hope for—
more than security for our own land—
though security we need—
more than satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader who will work with other leaders to bring safety to the whole world.

Give us leaders who lead this nation to virtue

without seeking to impose our kind of virtue on the virtue of others.

Give us a government that provides for the advancement of this country
without taking resources from others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell

**strength from power,
growth from greed,
leadership from dominance,
and real greatness
from the trappings of grandiosity.**

We trust you, Great God, to open our hearts to learn
from those to whom you speak in different tongues
and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted
the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as a people
to know where global leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human rights
for everyone everywhere.

**We ask these things, Great God,
with minds open to your word
and hearts that trust in your eternal care.**

Amen

****Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, Benedictine Sisters of Erie, is an internationally honored author and speaker and tireless advocate for peace and justice issues. The prayer is used with permission.***

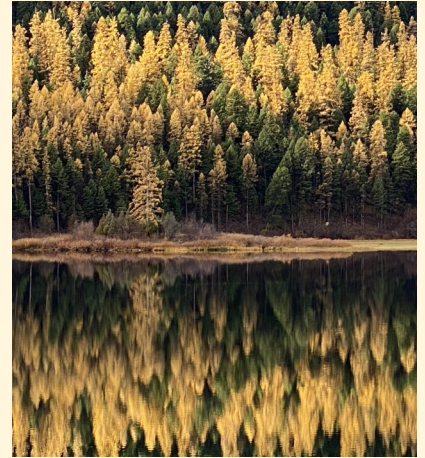


Care for Creation Ministry

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

We each are taking steps in our lives to live in a way that heals our earth. A small step may seem futile in addressing such a big problem but each action reminds us of our interconnection with all living things and the ecosystem in which we live. Each small step often encourages us to take another step in solidarity with the health of our planet. What you do is seen by your family, by your friends, by your neighbors, by strangers and encourages them to reflect on their actions and how what they do impacts mankind and our earth. SMCC's actions and ministries continue to call people to promote the kingdom of God today.



An email was sent to all participating in ***Pope Francis' call to action - the Laudato Si Action Platform***. This platform focuses on nine actions that help us adopt a lifestyle more entwined with the health of our planet and the health of humanity.

The email reads as follows:

Dear Inhabitants of our Earth,

The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, one of the seven [Laudato Si' Goals](#), is grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting sobriety, or moderation, in the use of resources and energy.

The **home** is one of the first and **best places we can adopt a simple and virtuous lifestyle**. **Nine actions** toward this goal could include:

1. Reducing waste and increasing recycling
2. Adopting sustainable dietary habits, such as opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption
3. A greater use of public transport
4. Choosing active mobility like walking and cycling
5. Avoiding single use items, especially plastic
6. Discussing together what lifestyle changes you as a family can make to avoid getting caught up in “a whirlwind of needless buying and spending.” (LS 203)
7. Exploring with one another the ways in which you can live in a good relationship with nature right outside your door
8. Spending time together as a family in parks, forests, by the seaside, or just observing wildlife
9. Repairing broken toys and sports equipment instead of throwing them away and buying new ones.

These are just a few of the ways you can “aspire to a life of dignity and sobriety, without luxury and waste, so that everyone in our world can enjoy a dignified existence.” ([Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the EU Youth Conference](#))

Yours in faith,

[Laudato Si' Action Platform Team](#)

***Lord, each day as we listen to the cry of the earth, we pray for healing -
For our planet and for all who call it home.***



There will be a “Welcome Social” October 19th and 20th in the gathering space after each Mass. All new members of the parish are invited to attend and meet members of the parish family. Registration forms will be available for anyone wishing to register to be a member of St. Mary Catholic Community.



What a blessing this parish is! Thank you to all who helped to build our atrium!

- Tom Schupp: Building the altar
- Kat Erley: Building the Tabernacle and Painting
- Tom Herrin: Building Dioramas
- Janet Stetzer: Sewing
- Bruce Baumgart: Building Sheepfold
- James Casada: Making the Sheep and Shepherds
- Renee Barnes: Making the City of Jerusalem
- Kim Egeland: Sewing
- Amanda Freeman: Painting all of the People
- Diane Kulow: Sewing
- Mary Jane Standaert: Painting
- Carol Dolan: Sewing
- Meghan Schulte: Painting
- Agnes Cronk: Sewing and Painting
- Catherine Ortwein: Painting
- Gail O’Loughlin: Painting
- Lori Moullet: Painting
- Glenda and Michael Seipp: Providing Carpets
- Larry Smith: Staining the altar
- Brandon Bloom: Painting and building many things for the atrium
- Maintenance Committee: Building a room for the atrium
- Dawn Brannan: Painting
- Julie Johnson: Sewing
- Maureen White: Paschal Candle



We are beginning our collection non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving Food Boxes.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

Food items suggested for Food Drive:

Soup, canned frosting, cake mixes canned pumpkin, or pumpkin pie mix, olives, Jello, muffin mix, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, meal in a box.

Please leave food items in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity and kindness



Family- to- Family Thanksgiving Food Boxes

If you are interested in doing a Family –to-Family Thanksgiving food Box for a family of 6 or more, please sign up here: <https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/178305> OR on the kiosk in the gathering space OR call the Parish Office 406-442-5268.

Here is a suggested list of items (but not limited to): Flour, sugar, stuffing, potatoes, peanut butter, canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix, canned vegetables canned fruit Jell-O, rolls, olives, pudding, margarine/butter, juice, healthy cereal and soup. Turkeys can also be a part of the boxes, but are optional. If you will include a turkey, please let us know.

Food boxes should feed a minimum of 6 family members. Thank you!



**COMMON ROOTS, CONFLICT, HOPE
Achieving Peace in the Middle East**

Jeanette Fregulia, Ph.D.

Jeanette Fregulia, a long-standing member of Saint Mary Catholic Community, and is the Department Chair of History at Carroll College. Her Masters Degree is in Middle East Area Studies from the University of London. She has extensive experience traveling, living and conducting research in this complex region. Her expertise includes history, culture, politics, philosophy and religion. She applies her excellent culinary skill to cooking Middle Eastern food which she will generously share with us. She is a dynamic, informative, energetic, and objective presenter. Some of what we learn may help us as we seek to live in solidarity as people of peace in our own country.

The presentation is a series of 4 talks on Sunday mornings between the masses in the social center. All the presentations will be recorded and available on the parish website.

- Sunday October 13 9:15-10:15** - Imperial/Colonial History
- Sunday November 17 9:15-10:15** - 1914-1989
- Sunday December 8 9:15-10:15** - 1967-present

Sponsored by Saint Mary Catholic Community Adult Education and Faith Formation supported by Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

**Election Day 2024 Vigil – November 5
Pray for Wisdom, Pray for Healing,
Pray for our Future**

You can drop by the church any time during the vigil and stay as long as you like. You can pray in your own time and place. Please join us in one of these ways.



A sign up sheet is available on the church kiosk or click here to sign up: <https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/182939>





If you are **65 and up** and are *able to attend* the Thanksgiving Senior Dinner, please **RSVP by Monday, Oct 28** to let us know.

When you call, please **provide your name(s)** and the **number of guests** accompanying you. **You may bring up to 3 guests.**

To RSVP, you have 3 options:

Option 1: RSVP via Flocknote here:

<https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/184214>

Option 2: Call the Parish Office.

Option 3: Mail the card below to us.

If you are *unable to attend*, but would like Thanksgiving dinner delivered to you, *there are two options:*

Option 1: Call the office and provide your name, address and number of meals needed.

Option 2: Mail the card below to us.

Saint Mary Catholic Community | 1700 Missoula Ave, Helena, MT 59601
 2024 Thanksgiving Senior Dinner | Sunday, November 3rd | 4:00 PM | Social Center
 Please RSVP by Monday, October 28th, 2024.

Name(s): _____

Please check one of the options below:

I / We will attend the dinner. Total number attending: _____ (3 guests max)

I / We will NOT attend the dinner.

I / We would like dinner delivered. Total number of meals needed: _____

Deliver meal(s) to this address:

Help Needed with the following:

cleaning and preparing turkeys, carving turkeys, putting food on plates, delivering meals to homebound parishioners and clean-up. If you are able to help, please sign up here or on the church kiosk:
<https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/184178>

Pies Needed for Thanksgiving Senior Dinner on November 5th!

If you are able to bring a pie, please sign up here: <https://saintmarycatholiccommuni.flocknote.com/signup/184175>
OR call the Parish Office. **Pies can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Friday Nov 1st, or in the church's kitchen on Saturday Nov 2nd, if you attend the 4:30 PM Mass.**

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!!

Adopt-a-Highway

October 19 at 8:30 am

Saint Mary Catholic Community has adopted a two-mile stretch of US Highway 12 W. The next cleanup will be on October 19 followed by a picnic lunch a short distance from the cleanup area. Anyone age 10 and up can participate. Those 10 to 15 years of age will need a Volunteer Release of Liability signed by a parent or guardian. If cleaning the highway isn't your thing but you want to participate, we will need additional help getting the picnic area set up.

Please meet at Saint Mary's at 8:30am on October 19 for a required safety briefing before departing as a group for the cleanup area. Pastries, coffee and juice will be available during the briefing.

Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants and layer for changing weather conditions. Suggested items to bring with you are: sunscreen, bug spray, gloves, sunglasses, hat and a water bottle. Snacks and additional water bottles will be available during the cleanup.

Immediately following the cleanup, there will be a picnic lunch at the Ten Mile Picnic Area located approximately four miles from the cleanup area south on Rimini Road. Soups, breads and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

This is a great way to care for our community, share in fellowship with other parishioners, and spend some time in a beautiful area of God's creation.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you plan to attend or sign up at the kiosk. See you there!

World Mission Sunday is October 20th! Envelopes will be available in the pews during Mass. For those that utilize online giving, feel free to donate to the campaign!



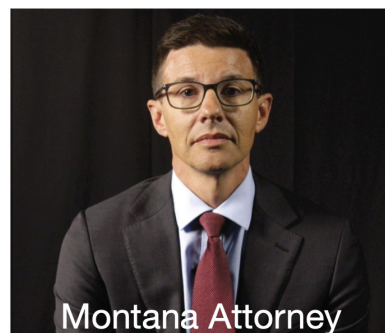
Montana Catholics For Life

Help to stop CI-128

Shareable Video Testimonial - Montana Attorney

As a constitutional litigator and former Solicitor General for the State of Montana, Dale is an expert who understands the harmful implications of CI-128. Namely, that it would:

- Trump all current and future laws that regulate the safety of abortions.
- Prohibiting Parental Notification when girls under 16 seek an abortion.
- Prevent oversight of abortion facilities and providers.
- Enshrine late-term abortion up until the point of birth.
- Authorize abortionists, who have a profit motivation, to decide whether an unborn child is viable or to end his or her life.



Montana Attorney

These facts are not well-known. Please share Dale's message as we pray, fast, and defend the sanctity of unborn life and the safety and dignity of mothers and families. You will find the Bishops' letter, an updated Fact Sheet and more shareable video testimonials at the QR code or at <https://mcc-sa.org>.



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Prayers for the Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon
them.
Please remember in your prayers those who
have
recently died.*

Sister Elizabeth Henry

Paulette Obrigewitch

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.



Thank you to all who showed up for the Fall Parish Cleanup day! Many hands made for light work. A special thank you to Andy Galen for bringing his bucket truck, dump trailer and chain saws. Andy did a bang-up job of pruning the trees on the front of our property. Hopefully, our trees are now prepared for any snow load which may arrive this winter, thus protecting people walking on our sidewalks as well as cars which park in front of our parish.

THANK YOU!!!

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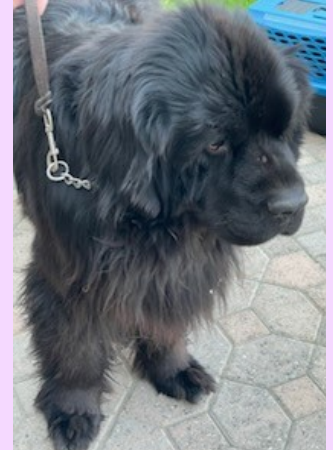
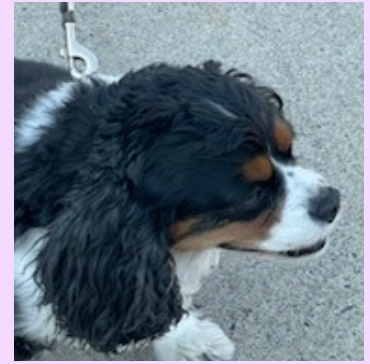
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Blessing of the Animals



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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.

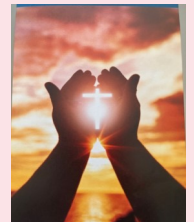
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Contact: helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com; 406-431-6328


- Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena, February 13-16th, 2025

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