

Saint Mary Catholic Community

Pastoral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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Adoration: Tuesday following
12:10 p.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday:

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

3:00—4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses

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

Friday Care Center Masses

November 1— 10:30 a.m. Mount
Ascension

December 6— 10:30 a.m. Mount
Ascension



October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.””

Mark 10:52

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.””

Mark 12:34



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 27th—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

8:00 AM Mass—Helen Dunbar✙

rb: Jill and Tom Lamson

10:30 AM Mass—for Helen Dunbar✙

rb: Deacon Tony Duvernay

Monday, October 28th—No Mass

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday, October 29th

Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21

12:10 PM Mass—for Betty Lester✙

rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

Wednesday, October 30th

Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30

12:10 PM Mass—For Andy Hovan✙

rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

4:00-5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, October 31st

Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35

12:10 PM Mass—for Sister Elizabeth Henry✙

rb: Bobbi Lavinder

Friday, November 1st

Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

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

12:10 PM All Saints Mass

5:30 PM All Saints Mass

Saturday, November 2nd

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

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Vigil—for Robert and Violet Coleman✙

rb: Gail Lannan

Sunday, November 3rd—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

8:00 AM Mass—for Tara Garman✙

rb: Jim and Viki Garman

10:30 AM Mass—for David Marsh✙

r.b: Cindy Gleich

Monday, November 4th

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

5:30 PM Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday November 5th

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish

Wednesday, November 6th

Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of Bill Tatarka

rb: Ann McCormick

4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, November 7th—No Mass

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 12:49-53

Friday, November 8th—No Mass

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 9th

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass—for Jack O'Leary✙

rb: Pat Wall



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 Helleman 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:

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))

Church Sky Light Repair (Estimate): \$14,465

Regular Maintenance & Repair (cleaning, painting, etc.) \$18,720

Current Need: \$33,185

Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received: \$10,417

Difference (Received – Need): **-\$22,768**

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

The following are excerpts of a letter written to Proba by Saint Augustine, Bishop.

“We need to use words so that we may remind ourselves to consider carefully what we are asking, not so that we may think we can instruct the Lord or prevail on him.

Thus when we say: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, we are reminding ourselves to desire that his name, which in fact is always holy, should be considered holy among men. I mean that it should not be held in contempt. But this is a help for men, not for God.

And as for our saying: YOUR KINGDOM COME, it will surely come whether we will it or not. But we are stirring up our desires for the kingdom so that it can come to us and we deserve to reign there.

When we say: YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, we are asking Him to make us obedient so that His will may be done in us as it is done in heaven by His angels.

When we say: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, in saying THIS DAY we mean “in this world.” Here we ask for a sufficiency by specifying the most important part of it; that is, we use the word “bread” to stand for everything.

When we say: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, we are reminding ourselves of what we must ask and what we must do in order to be worthy in turn to receive.

When we say: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, we are reminding ourselves to ask that His help may not depart from us; otherwise we could be seduced and consent to some temptation, or despair and yield to it.

When we say: DELIVER US FROM EVIL, we are reminding ourselves to reflect on the fact that we do not yet enjoy the state of blessedness in which we shall suffer no evil... Yes, it was very appropriate that all these truths should be entrusted to us to remember in these very words.” May the Lord bless us and protect us on our journey to eternal life.

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

Pictures from our Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

If you were not able to come to the Open House, feel free to stop by the office to see the Atrium that St. Mary Catholic Community built!



First Reconciliation will meet on October 27th from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the Social Center!

A parent must attend with the child. Call Dawn or Lori if you have questions.

The Chosen Viewing and Discussion Group Season 4

We will meet on October 31st and November 7th

Important Dates for Youth Group

Wednesday, October 30th: Mystery Dinner from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

November 2nd: Junior High Rally 9:00 am to 8:30 pm

November 3rd: Serve at Senior Thanksgiving Dinner from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm

November 6th: Youth Group Meets from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm



**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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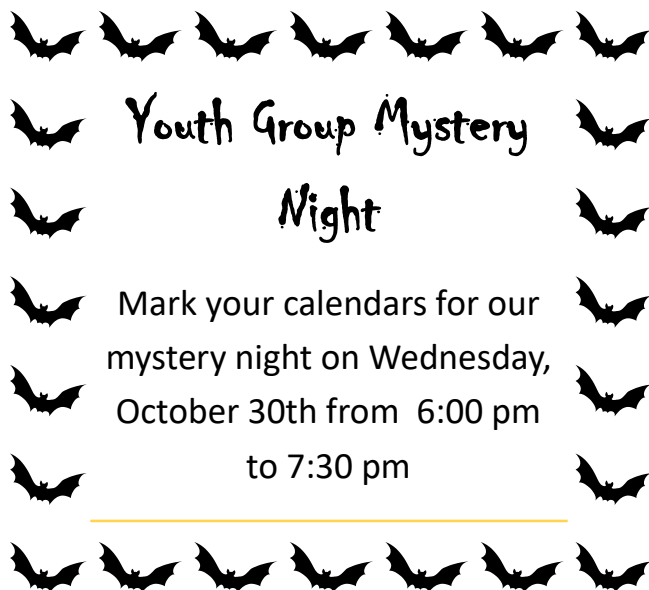
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To Register for the Junior High Rally!

Contact Dawn for more information!



Youth Group Mystery Night

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

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 3rd we will celebrate our Senior Thanksgiving Dinner!

Youth will serve at the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm! Confirmation Candidates will also help decorate at 9:15 am.

Sign up [HERE](#) to help!

Liturgical Life

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Dr. Wendy Yuen

“...The blind man replied to (Jesus), ‘Master, I want to see.’” – Mark 10:51

At the end of September, my husband Bill, our Border Collie Kiko, and I embarked on a joyful trip to Vancouver, Canada, to visit family. The journey was filled with cherished memories, from exploring the breathtaking views of Stanley Park to enjoying dinner gatherings with relatives from both my father's and mother's sides. It was a heartwarming opportunity to reconnect with so many loved ones.

One chilly afternoon, we visited the graves of my grandparents and two uncles, stirring fond memories of times shared together. A slightly unsettling moment occurred one morning when we discovered a bear's paw print in my uncle's front yard—a reminder of nature's unpredictable presence.

This trip prompted me to reflect on how easily I took something as simple as sight for granted. The ability to see the beauty in our surroundings and the faces of our loved ones is a precious gift from the Lord, encouraging me to appreciate His blessings in every moment.

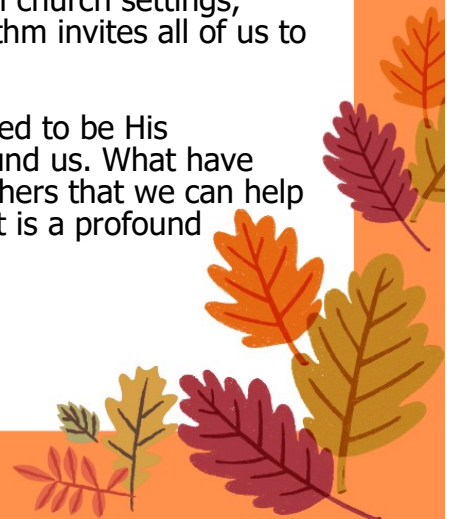
I was reminded of Omer Westendorf (1916-1997), one of the pioneering American Catholic hymn writers, who made significant contributions to liturgical music during the post-Vatican II renewal. After World War II, he began his music publishing journey, bringing back European church music to his parish from Holland. This passion led to the establishment of the World Library of Sacred Music in 1950, where he focused on creating English-language hymns that invited active participation from the congregation. One of his most celebrated works is *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, set to the traditional Welsh tune ASH GROVE. His legacy lives on in the hymns sung in churches around the world today.

The first verse of this hymn reminds us that we are empowered by God's grace as we leave the church after Mass. Christ's teachings, sown in our hearts, inspire us to act for God and others, uniting us in our mission to further His kingdom.

The second verse challenges us to share faith and love with everyone, recognizing all as neighbors. The bread of the Eucharist and the light of Christ unite us, encouraging us to honor Him in all that we do.

Sung to the lovely tune ASH GROVE, a traditional Welsh folk melody, the hymn is known for its flowing, lyrical, and joyful character. Originally associated with a romantic ballad in Welsh folklore, it has become widely popular in church settings, especially paired with *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*. Its lilting rhythm invites all of us to dance in our hearts as we sing.

As we are sent forth by God's blessing into the world, we are called to be His ambassadors. But first, we must open our eyes to the needs around us. What have you seen? It is through seeing and responding to the needs of others that we can help make the world a better place. Seeing is not just a physical act; it is a profound gift from God that calls us to action.



Pastoral Care

+ JMJ +

By the time you read this page I will have lived my last day as Director of Pastoral Care, Parish Life at Saint Mary Catholic Community. During my time at SMCC I learned a lot about myself, community, and the Church. You will remain in my prayers!

Over the course of my few months here I have often shared bits from my personal reading in these bulletin pages and I didn't think my last write-up should be any different. I recently picked up a copy of St Alphonsus Liguori's Preparation for Death: Considerations on Eternal Truths which has provided me with excellent food for thought. The book is essentially a guide to prayer that represents, from its beginning to its end, the continual outpouring of a heart before God. The purpose of life is to know, love, and serve God in this world, and to be happy with Him in heaven. In heaven is the fullness of desire, an ocean of delight, and an existence of continual joy. Of course we don't want to live our lives hyper focused on death, but how might our approach to daily living be different if we kept the realities of death and heaven in the back of our minds? The average adult makes between 33,000 to 35,000 decisions a day. If each decision made was a choice made for God, for love of Christ, life might begin to feel like a foretaste of heaven. As St Elizabeth of the Trinity once said, "It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth, because my heaven is God and God is in my soul!"

With love in Christ,

Caitlin M. Wagoner

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at (406) 442-5268.

Please drop off your photos of loved ones who have passed to the Parish Office by Thursday, October 31st. Their photo will hang in the Gathering Space during the month of November so that all may remember them in their prayers. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 4th at 5:30 PM. Reception to follow.

SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

It's a LIFE ISSUE – The Death Penalty

Before leaving October and Respect Life month behind Catholics should consider the death penalty. *It IS a life issue.* As of the end of this September 24 people have been executed in the United States since the beginning of the year. The U.S. stands alone in the Western world as still having the death penalty. Of “first world countries” only the U.S., Japan, Singapore and Taiwan still execute people.



Two years ago Pope Francis announced his September intention for the abolition of the death penalty in a video available here through the Catholic Mobilizing Network. *And as Pope Francis has announced the Jubilee Year of 2025 he has called for the abolition of the death penalty as a sign of hope.*

<https://catholicmobilizing.org/action/2022-08/pledge-pray-pope-francis>

The script follows although but it is significantly more powerful in the Pope's words with the accompanying pictures in the video.

For the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Each day there is a growing “NO” to the death penalty around the world. For the Church, this is a sign of hope.

From a legal point of view, it is not necessary.

Society can effectively repress crime without depriving the offenders of the possibility of redeeming themselves.

Always, in every legal sentence, there must be a window of hope. Capital punishment offers no justice to victims, but rather encourages revenge.

And it prevents any possibility of undoing a possible miscarriage of justice.

Additionally, the death penalty is morally inadmissible, for it destroys the most important gift we have received: life. Let us not forget that, up to the very last moment, a person can convert and change.

And in the light of the Gospel, the death penalty is unacceptable. The commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” refers to both the innocent and the guilty.

I, therefore, call on all people of goodwill to mobilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world.

Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

~ Pope Francis 8/31/2022

Concern for the abolition of the death penalty appears to have diminished in the last few years. But there is no question that the issue is part of a **culture of life** - along with abortion, euthanasia, treatment of immigrants, war and nuclear weapons and a host of other issues. **Abolishing the death penalty in no way diminishes, dismisses nor negates the emotions, grief and tragedy experienced by the victims' families and friends who deserve our utmost compassion and care.** But executing the perpetrator does not bring victims back. **Hopefully, abolishing the death penalty turns the page on a culture of revenge, retribution and violence.** For more on the Catholic position on the death penalty visit the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/churchs-anti-death-penalty-position>

Let us join with Pope Francis' prayer and hope that the death penalty will be abolished – throughout the world. AMEN

SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

Loving God, our Neighbors, Ourselves and all of Creation

Based on the work of his predecessors St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and informed by experts in many fields, Pope Francis authored the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* - **On Care for our Common Home** and is making the Catholic Church an active participant in the international efforts to combat climate change.

Pope Francis shares **Saint John Paul II's** insights in the opening of *Laudato Si'*.

“In his (St. John Paul II) first encyclical he warned that human beings frequently seem ‘to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption’.[4] Subsequently, he would call for **a global ecological conversion**.[5] ...Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and ‘take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system’ [8]”

Saint John Paul II's writings are referenced over twenty-five times throughout *Laudato Si'*.

Pope Francis sites a writing of **Pope Benedict XVI's** in Chapter 5 of *Laudato Si'*.

“Benedict XVI has said that ‘technologically advanced societies must be prepared to encourage more sober lifestyles, while reducing their energy consumption and improving its efficiency’.[135]”

Pope Benedict XVI's writings are referenced over twenty times throughout *Laudato Si'*.

Pope Francis provides, among other things, **a spiritual voice** and a moral compass to our church and to the world on efforts to protect and nurture all God created. Prayerfully read these words from Pope Francis as he describes his perspective on waste and on **loving God, our neighbors, ourselves, and all of creation**.

His Words. Your Journey. Together.

The Pontifical Mission Societies January 30, 2023

"I would like to propose to you **three challenges** against the waste mentality, the throw-away mentality.

The **first challenge: not to waste the gift that we are**. Each one of us is a good, independent of the gifts we have. Every woman, every man, is rich not only in talents, but in dignity. He or she is loved by God, is valuable, is precious. Jesus reminds us that we are blessed not for what we have, but for who we are. And when a person lets go and throws him or herself away, he or she wastes themselves. Let us struggle, with God's help, against the temptations of believing ourselves inadequate, wrong, and to feel sorry for ourselves.

Then, the **second challenge: not to waste the gifts we have**. It is a fact that about one-third of total food production goes to waste in the world each year, while so many die of hunger! Nature's resources cannot be used like this. Goods should be taken care of and shared in such a way that no one lack what is necessary. Rather than waste what we have, let us disseminate an ecology of justice and charity, of sharing!

Lastly, the **third challenge: not to throw people away**. The throw-away culture says, “I use you in as much as I need you. When I am not interested in you anymore, or you are in my way, I throw you out”. It is especially the weakest who are treated this way – unborn children, the elderly, the needy and the disadvantaged. But people are never to be thrown out, the disadvantaged cannot be thrown away! Every person is a sacred gift, each person is a unique gift, no matter what their age or condition. Let us always respect and promote life! Let's not throw life away!”

Pope Francis - Angelus January 29, 2023



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!




Thank you so very much for your response to our Parish Community Pantry. Through your generosity, we were able to keep the Pantry stocked through the winter. The Pantry has been a huge success with lots of people using it. Now the season is changing and our needs are changing with it. We still will accept donations of food and toiletries, but we also need sunscreen, bug spray, bottles of water, and baseball caps or visors. Donations may be placed in the Community Pantry basket in the Gathering Space.

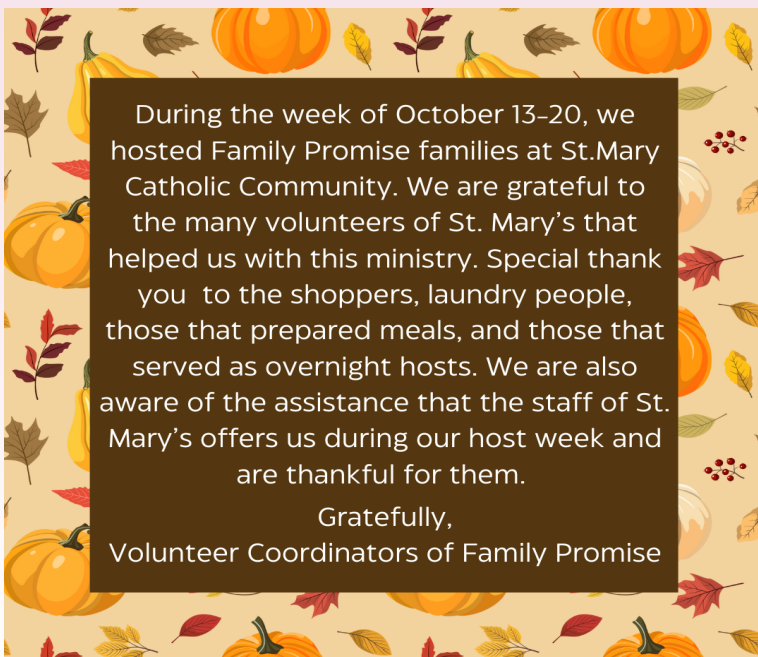
Thank you again for your generosity. May God's blessings be upon you!



Statues of Saints for All Saints Day

This year, a traditional part of the Saint Mary Catholic Community All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrations will be reintroduced. Behind the baptismal font, stands will be set up to display statues of saints for the first two weeks in November. Please bring statues, marked with your name, to put on the stands to the parish office no later than October 29. This will create a visual display of the communion of saints, that surround us and support us with love every day of our lives. It is an opportunity to take the time to educate ourselves on our patron saints or another saint of interest, to pray with these saints, and to discover how their faith and their lives inspire and guide our own.

Please join us for All Saints Day mass celebrations on Friday November 1 at mass. The All Souls Day Masses could also be included. Any question, call Deb @406-439-2319 or dkholiday2008@gmail.com.
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During the week of October 13-20, we hosted Family Promise families at St. Mary Catholic Community. We are grateful to the many volunteers of St. Mary's that helped us with this ministry. Special thank you to the shoppers, laundry people, those that prepared meals, and those that served as overnight hosts. We are also aware of the assistance that the staff of St. Mary's offers us during our host week and are thankful for them.

Gratefully,
Volunteer Coordinators of Family Promise

**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>





Montana Catholics For Life

Help to stop CI-128

Shareable Video Testimonial - Advocate for Life

As an advocate for life and head of Abort Ignorance Montana, Tanaia clearly articulates the truth about CI-128.

- CI-128 would expand late-term abortion of babies who can feel pain and who can survive outside the womb.
- Late-term abortion is not a solution to medical emergencies as proponents of CI-128 often believe. Emergency C-Section procedures are available that give late-term babies a chance at life.
- CI-128 is advertised as freedom from government overreach, but it puts the government between parents and their minor children who seek abortion. The current parental notification law would be unconstitutional under CI-128 and place young girls at risk.



Montana Advocate

These facts are not well-known. Please share Tanaia'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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Shareable Video Testimonial - Montana Doctor

As a practicing physician in Montana, Dr. Krach is an expert who understands the harmful implications of CI-128.

- The term "healthcare professional" is undefined. No one knows who will make Life-or-death medical decisions about abortions.
- Fetal viability is determined solely by an undefined "healthcare professional" - who makes the life-or-death determination.
- Parental Notification of abortion when girls are under 16 would become unconstitutional.
- A constitutional "right" to abortion is not needed. By law, Doctors in Montana already provide a woman with care when a child dies before birth or in cases of ectopic pregnancy.



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A Place of Prayer and Reflection to Celebrate Diversity

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

**Patron Saint of Persecuted Christians
Martyr and Advocate for the Poor and the
Oppressed Latino People in El Salvador**

On August 15, 1917, Saint Oscar Romero was born into modest circumstances in a small rural town in El Salvador. Like most of his fellow citizens, he was mestizos, a mix of Spanish and Indigenous heritage. He was educated but his father also trained him to become a carpenter as education seldom led to employment in those days. He then became a priest. He was named Archbishop of San Salvador in February 1977 just as the tensions between the wealthy, elite ruling class and a coalition of the middle class, working class and the poor, were rapidly increasing. Land reforms initiated by a previous government to address the extreme socioeconomic inequality had fallen apart and civil liberties were suspended. He was thought by the elite and the government to be a safe choice as he was known to be conservative, bookish, and unlikely to disturb the status quo. The more progressive priests were disappointed as they feared he would not support their commitment to following Jesus by liberating and serving the poor.

In March 1977 Rutilo Grande, a Jesuit priest and close friend of Romero's who had been working with and for the poor, was assassinated by the military. Saint Romero, profoundly impacted by his death, stated **"When I looked at Rutilo lying there dead I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I, too, have to walk the same path.'"**

As he learned to see the poor and listen to them, Saint Romero began speaking out against social injustice, assassinations and torture with prayers, homilies, radio shows, gatherings with lay people, and letters and meetings with government officials. In the words of Pope Francis at Saint Romero's canonization mass in 2018, Oscar Romero made **"the courageous choice to risk everything to follow Jesus."** He advocated for material and spiritual liberty. In an open letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, he stated that increased military aid would **"undoubtedly sharpen the injustice and the political repression inflicted on the organized people, whose struggle has often been for their most basic human rights."** In 1979 he met with Pope John Paul II in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a Vatican condemnation of the Salvadoran military regime for human rights violations and its support of the death squads.

Archbishop Romero was shot and killed while saying a funeral mass on March 24, 1980. During the ensuing civil war, unknown numbers of Catholic priests, nuns and lay people were exiled, "disappeared", imprisoned, raped, tortured and assassinated for their faith-based commitment to serving and advocating for the poor and disenfranchised. Numerous Catholic churches were desecrated and destroyed by government forces. The Salvadoran civil war continued for 12 more years, finally ending with a peace agreement brokered by the United Nations. El Salvador, like many of its neighboring countries, continues to struggle with providing safety, civil liberties and basic human rights and necessities to its people which contributes to suffering and migration. **Latino people and people of good will, in solidarity with many oppressed and persecuted people around the world, continue to feel supported by, devoted to and inspired by Saint Oscar Romero.**

Loving God,

Give us the strength to be humble, to be faithful, to stand with our sisters and brothers.

Give us the strength to be like our brother Oscar, completely committed to Christ.

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- ~ Discover the display of statues of saints assembled for **All Saints Day**.
- ~ Listen to the stories of pilgrims who have visited El Salvador.
- ~ Come to the **Mexican dinner** prepared by Adam Mendez and crew honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe along with Saint Juan Diego, Saint Oscar Romero and Latino people on Sunday December 15th at 6:00 pm in the Social Center.
- ~ Check out the **movie** about Saint Oscar Romero entitled "Romero" which is available on Amazon. A film showing with discussion will be scheduled after the new year. Details TBA.

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Finance Council Quarterly Update

We want to thank you for your Stewardship and Maintenance & Repair gifts over this last quarter. It appears that our new format for reporting on parish finances is bearing some fruit, and so we come to you with our first quarterly update. As we shared before, major projects for Maintenance & Repair is not actualized in the parish's operating budget. Major projects for Maintenance & Repair are over and above the operating budget. We are able to meet regular and usual maintenance needs of the parish within the current operating budget.

It has been 30 years since our last major parish renovation. As you may have noticed or heard, there are some major maintenance and repair projects which are now in need of addressing by the parish.

To begin with, the font is in need of repair. Discussions are ongoing between the Pastoral Council and Finance Council as to what direction to take with the font. We will keep you updated as decisions are made.

Regarding the skylight repair, we have received a bid for \$14,465 which was higher than expected. We are now going to try to seek additional bids for comparison.

Your past generosity has been shown in the giving you gave during the boiler project fundraiser and future fundraisers are being considered. We want to thank you for your generosity in your support of St Mary's online giving options. We have seen an increase in the usage of online giving, and it goes a long way to supporting the usual expenses of the parish. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Sunday October 27th: 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; Knights of Columbus Membership Drive; 9:15 am-10:20 am First Communion; 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ Monday October 28th: 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ Tuesday October 29: 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 2:00 pm
- ◆ Wednesday October 30th: 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm-5:00 pm RE; 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Confessions; 6:00 pm Youth Group Mystery Dinner
- ◆ Thursday October 31st: 12:10 pm Mass; Chosen Viewing 1:00 pm-2:30 pm; 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- ◆ Friday November 1st: 10:30 am Mass at Mount Ascension; 12:10 pm All Saints Mass; 5:30 pm All Saints Mass; Parish Office Closed
- ◆ Saturday November 2nd: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ◆ Sunday November 3rd: 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Senior Dinner
- ◆ Monday November 4th: 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA; 5:30 pm Mass of Remembrance with reception to follow
- ◆ Tuesday November 5th: 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 12:10 pm Mass; Election Day Vigil; Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 4:00 pm
- ◆ Wednesday November 6th: 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm-5:00 pm RE; 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Confessions; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ Thursday November 7th: No Mass; Chosen Viewing 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
- ◆ Friday November 8th: No Mass
- ◆ Saturday November 9th: 4:30 pm Mass; 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Confessions; Hospitality Weekend

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