

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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[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

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

December 13– 11:00 a.m. Touchmark

December 20– 10:30 a.m. Cooney

November 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.””

Luke 21:28

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:36



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, November 24th—The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

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

10:30 AM Mass—for Bob Mihan✙
rb: Bernie and Kathy Hubley

Monday, November 25th—No Mass
Revelations 14:1-3, 4b-5/Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26th
Revelations 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

12:10 PM Mass—for Leo Medina✙
rb: Flordelis Medina

Wednesday, November 27th
Revelations 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

5:30 PM Thanksgiving Mass—for the intentions of the people of the Parish
No Confessions

Thursday, November 28th—No Mass
Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 29th—No Mass
Revelations 20:1-4, 11, 21:2; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30th
Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vigil—for Doug Boyd✙
rb: the Boyd Family

Sunday, December 1st—First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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

10:30 AM Mass—the intentions of the O'Dell Family
rb: Carol Frisch

Monday, December 2nd—5:30 Communal Penance
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday December 3rd
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
12:10 PM Mass—for Sister Elizabeth Henry✙
rb: Mary Matule

Wednesday, December 4th
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
12:10 PM Mass—for the intentions of the Swanson Family
rb: Carol Frisch
4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 5th
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
12:10PM Mass—for the intentions of the Frisch Family
rb: Carol Frisch

Friday, December 6th
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
10:30 Mass at Mount Ascension for the intentions of the people at Mount Ascension

Saturday, December 7th
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass—for Bob and Vi Coleman✙
rb: Nancy Coleman



Prayer
Ministry
Sacrifice

As praying stewards: We have continued to pray as a community for all of our loved ones who have died, as well as all those who have died and have no one to remember and pray for them. We also gathered together to continue to learn about our common roots, conflict and hope with Jeanette Fregulia's third presentation on the history of the Middle East, from 1914 – 1989.

As ministering stewards: We gathered to sort, pack and distribute Thanksgiving boxes to the needy in our community. A special thank you to those who also provided family-to-family Thanksgiving boxes to those in need. We also responded to a call for donations to our Blessing Box, for the homeless in our community.

As sacrificing stewards:

Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 10/31/24	\$159,924
Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 10/31/24	<u>\$169,757</u>
Difference: (Received – Budget):		-\$ 9,833

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)	<u>\$18,720</u>
Current Need:	\$33,185
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	<u>\$11,857</u>
Difference (Received – Need):	-\$21,328

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

We have heard the story of Zacchaeus in the Gospel from Luke on several occasions (Luke 19: 1-10), and it's a great conversion story. In this Gospel, Jesus is going through Jericho with no intention to stop. However, it was the Father's will that Christ was supposed to meet Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus, on the other hand, was searching. He was not at peace in his heart. He had hurt people in his profession, and he had heard about Jesus who was performing great miracles and preaching about the kingdom of God throughout the region.

Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector in the Jericho region and he was a wealthy man. But again, he was not at peace in his heart. Zacchaeus was also short in stature, so he climbed a Sycamore Tree to get a better look at Jesus.

As Jesus is walking by, he looks up in the tree and says: "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay in your house." Zacchaeus was filled with joy, because he knew Jesus was the Lord, because Jesus knew who Zacchaeus was even before meeting him. The crowd was filled with anger, because Jesus was going to stay at the house of a sinner.

Zacchaeus knew he was in the presence of the Christ, and he wanted to turn his life to the Lord and begin anew. "Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." The Lord knew Zacchaeus was sincere; that he was turning to Him with all of his heart. "Today salvation has come to this house."

The Lord is interested in the present. The Lord lives in the eternal now. All we have to do is make that first step to the Lord, and we are in His loving and merciful arms. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we be thankful for the countless blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us in our lives. As we know in the depths of our hearts that there is nothing more powerful than the love and mercy of God. For that, we are forever thankful!

Happy Thanksgiving! God bless all of you.

Fr. Tim

Pope's Intentions for November 2024

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



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

Faith Formation

A Journey for Life

Mitten Tree

RE Families, it is time one again for our Mitten Tree. Please bring hats, gloves and mittens to RE on Wednesdays for our mitten tree. All donations will help families in need this winter!

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

We will **not** have Liturgy of the Word for Children this Sunday or next Sunday. We will be back on December 8th!

Question of the Week for

November 24 & December 1st

The themes for the next 2 weeks are

Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of actions and deeds, not merely of words and Active Waiting!

Share what Advent means to you and how can you as a family celebrate the season of Advent!

Happy Thanksgiving and Prayers for a blessed day!

What is the Kingdom of God?

What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King! Here is a beautiful explanation about the kingdom of Christ given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: *Center for Liturgy*):

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

Important Dates for Youth Group

November 27th: No Youth Group Meeting (Happy Thanksgiving)

December 4th: MS and YS Youth Group meets from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

December 11th: MS and HS Youth Group meets from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Please Join us for the
Posada and Drive Through
Living Nativity on
December 8th
Between 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Families participating will
share a dinner after!**

We need Inn Keepers, Joseph,
Mary, Wisemen,
Shepherds, Angels, Angel Choir and
help decorating!

Sign up

[**HERE!**](#)

What is a Posada?

Posada is a Spanish word for “inn” or “shelter.” In a Posada, pilgrims reenact the journey of Joseph and Mary searching for lodging before the birth of Jesus.

In our Drive Thru Posada, we will drive to various shelters, asking for lodging by the inn keepers.

Although each pilgrim will be unable to find lodging, they will be given a gift and eventually be led to the Living Nativity!

**Contact Dawn in the
Parish Office for more
Information!**

Liturgical Life

Voice of Christ

Dr. Wendy Yuen

A few weeks ago, I headed to Dive Bakery for a Halloween cookie decorating class. On the table were different colors of icing, cookie tools, and six big sugar cookies — ready to craft. The teacher first taught us to outline around the cookies using a thicker icing, then we used a thinner icing to fill in the middle of each cookie. That outside-in icing step is called flood icing. It was a fun process and more difficult than I thought. I needed to have a steady hand to apply the right amount of pressure to squeeze icing onto six cookies with six unique designs. Though I used my utmost attention, there were imperfections such as the border was not filled completely nor smoothly.

Afterward, I was exhausted. I sat on the chair, resting, and I started to chat with the teacher. She told me that she was the owner of the bakery, and the other fellow student was her mother. To my surprise, they told me that they used to come to St. Mary but for various reason stopped coming. I seized the opportunity to invite them back to church. It was a simple gesture but a meaningful one. Right there, in a cookie-decorating class at Dive Bakery, I became Christ's ambassador—a role I never expected in such a place. In that moment, I was His hands, eyes, and voice.

This experience reminded me: even the smallest acts can make a difference. Never underestimate the power of your simple gestures!

Timothy R. Smith's *Voice of Christ* perfectly captures this message of being Christ's ambassador. Commissioned by the Archdiocese of Detroit, this liturgical piece blends traditional and contemporary styles, showcasing Smith's talent as the Director of Music at Our Lady of the Lakes Church and a prolific composer of works like *In the Breaking of the Bread* and *In Every Age*.

The song's vibrant refrain calls us to be Christ's hands, eyes, and voice in the world. Verse one reflects gratitude for God's blessings, inspiring us to share them with others. Verse two reminds us of God's care for all creation, from sparrows to flowers, and invites us to trust in His provision. Verse three emphasizes God's compassion for the poor and encourages us to serve them with love, promising joy in return. Verse four speaks of watchful waiting for the Lord's return, urging us to stay prepared and faithful.

As we approach a new liturgical year, let's embrace a resolution: to live as Christ's ambassadors—making a difference, one small act at a time. Be Christ's hands, eyes, and voice.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the November 17th concert featuring the incredible trumpet players Carl Anderberg, Larry Irwin, and me. Your generous donations to the music ministry are greatly appreciated! If you missed the performance or want to enjoy it again, the recording is available on St. Mary's YouTube channel.



Pastoral Care

- ◇ 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.

Art and Environment

Fanning the Fire

Illuminating Our Home for the Lord

Throughout the four seasons we experience in Montana, we observe changes in the color of our environment. Spring is green showing new growth. Summer is a deeper green showing mature growth and then brown as the summer months remain warm with less rainfall. Fall transitions into a multitude of reds, oranges, yellows and browns. Finally, winter offers a blanket of white in contrast to the blue mountains against the darkened sky. We also experience changing seasons and colors within our church. Each season is expressed in the color of the vestments and the church environment. Purple or Violet are the colors that precede a feast (Advent and Lent). White is the color of a feast (Christmas and Easter). Green is the color after the feast (Ordinary Time).

We begin the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. In advent the color of purple/violet is the primary color with the color rose used on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday). We bear witness to these colors in the vestments, altar clothes, liturgical aids and the candles of the Advent Wreath.

As we gather throughout Advent, we will process one lighted candle into the worship space and place it beside the Advent Wreath. The candle holders, crafted in Missouri for our remodeled worship space in 1998, were designed to separate from the stand, offering us the opportunity to process our candles in times of particular significance.

Each family is encouraged to incorporate the colors of the church year into their home environment. Tangible traditions help to remind us of our ever-present savior, Jesus Christ.



SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

Approaching Advent – Considering the Creche



The season of Advent begins soon. For the faithful it is both a time of quiet, reflection and anticipation – as well as a time of the hurried chaos and consumerism of the upcoming holidays. **We each struggle in our own way for balance as we make room for Jesus in our lives.**

Our lovely, unique Nativity setting begins to be displayed on the first weekend of Advent just as the statues of the saints are removed. Though an earlier depiction was found on a Roman sarcophagi in the 4th century, the first recorded Nativity scene was created by St. Francis of Assisi for Christmas Eve in 1223. It is believed that St. Francis chose a nativity scene to emphasize the **incredible Incarnation: that God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, became one with us in the person of Jesus, leaving no question that creation – all of it, in its beauty and messiness – is also holy and sacred.**

The figures in the Nativity are displayed slowly, deliberately. In this bulletin and the one which follows in two weeks the **St. Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry** invites us all to contemplate these lovely figures and how they point the way for our own meditation and our actions for justice in the world.

The first week of Advent the only figures on display are the animals. One may perhaps ask, “How can sheep and cattle and other animals remind us we are called to justice and peace - justice for them? Peace? Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si*: “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.” (LS 83) **Perhaps the first step toward justice for animals is honoring them and holding them in the respect and awe they deserve. A parishioner related this incident:** she had been on an early morning run when she ran across a group of magpies gathered in the trees. However, there was a dead magpie on the street and one standing next to it. In small groups the magpies flew down and stood by the lone one, marking time with their feet, as birds do. Then that small group would fly up to the trees and another group would come down and this pattern repeated for several minutes. Do we not share a similar behavior when a friend has lost a loved one? **And do not those magpies, who mate for life, deserve our respect and even a bit of awe?**

In Advent week two the shepherds are added to the Nativity. Shepherds in Jesus time were some of the lowliest of society, if indeed they were even considered part of society. Unwashed, living outside, not having the meager comforts of people in Jesus’ time, they would not be the first ones invited to any celebration. And yet, they were indeed the first, invited by the angels, **to the most amazing celebration in the world – the Incarnation – God coming to join us in the person of Jesus.** Today we also have those like the shepherds, living on the margins. The homeless certainly come to mind - surely Jesus would invite them in. **Yet there are others outside of the security of society, many of whom contribute much to our everyday living, just as those first shepherds did as they cared for the flocks. Some of these are migrants, many undocumented.** They may have come here as children and grown up to start a small business, or work in a barber shop. Some may pick vegetables in the vast fields of California or do our landscaping or clean our hotel rooms. Many have reaped the advantage of our higher education system. They may well have children and family here. **How are we treating these people, the ones on the margins, though they may not appear as such? Are we affording them the acceptance and love that Jesus would? The safety and security that would unburden their deepest fears?**

Let us pray that as we enter and continue our Advent journey, we consider how we lovingly and caringly journey forward with all creatures, and how we treat and advocate for those on the margins, the visible and hidden.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.



SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

A Daily Advent Prayer

We invite you to pray this across the Advent Season

Dear God, our Creator,

You revealed your love to us and creation once and for all through the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By the grace of Your Creator Spirit, teach us to celebrate our faith in the Incarnation that took place in creation.

Dear Jesus, Savior of creation, we ask that You may be born in us once again as we seek to cultivate hope for our common home. As Your followers, teach us **to care for the dignity of all human beings and all creation**, now and in the future.



In a season too often marked by overconsumption and excess, let us give thanks and **honor the goodness of all your gifts in the natural world**. Help us to contemplate the mystery of creation as we celebrate the mystery of incarnation.

We pray for today's victims of global warming, both human and nonhuman. We pray for more ambition in the energy transition, in this country and globally. We pray for our governments to negotiate a global and fair phase-out of fossil fuels.



And, finally, **we pray for the courage to be prophets** of our time, calling upon our leaders **to bear fruits of ecological justice**.

Come Emmanuel! Make us ever more hopeful people for a hopeful planet. **Let us be part of Your light of hope to the world.**

Amen.

This Advent prayer is part of Laudato Si' Movement's Advent Calendar and contemplation guide which can be accessed at <https://laudatosimovement.org/advent2024/> . This thoughtful calendar weaves action and prayer into our lives as we journey through the season of Advent.

Written/compiled by members of SMCC Care for Creation Ministry.

Lost and Found items left in the church can be claimed in the Parish Office. If they are not claimed by December 13th, then they will be donated.

Dishes left in the kitchen from funeral receptions can also be claimed!

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 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

THE BLESSING BOX NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Parish Blessing Box. Winter is coming on, and it is more important than ever to keep the Box filled.

We are looking for donations of hats, gloves, scarves and small blankets. We continue to need small toiletries and food items that do not require utensils to eat. Examples are granola bars, individual packets of trail mix or fruit gummies, individually-wrapped sticks of beef jerky, small containers of fruit or tuna (we supply spoons and forks), or anything else you may find at a grocery store that would be easy for people to eat. Your donations may be left in the Blessing Box basket located in the Gathering Space at Church.

Thank you for your donations. God bless!

Save the Date

Mexican Dinner in Celebration of
Our Lady of Guadalupe on
December 15th with special guest
Juan Diego!

\$9 per plate or \$25 per family



Help is needed wrapping Giving Tree gifts that have been purchased. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please call Jan Buyske at (406) 450-0595. Once a list is compiled, a date and time will be set that fits the majority of the people. Thank you in advance for any help you may give.



CSSM
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
of Montana

Mental Health Services

Catholic Mental Health Counseling

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
- We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns.
- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2' or send us a message at www.cssmt.org.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Gifts with tags securely attached are due back **NO LATER THAN:**
DECEMBER 15, 2024

Please take a tag **ONLY** if you plan to purchase a gift!
Gifts will be sorted after 10:30 Mass has started on **DECEMBER 15TH!**
Any and all help would be greatly appreciated! J

AGENCIES SERVED:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SNOWMEN

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES MITTENS

FLORENCE CRITTENTON DOVES

FRIENDSHIP CENTER SANTA HATS

GOD'S LOVE FAMILY PROGRAM STOCKINGS

GOOD SAMARITAN GINGERBREAD MAN

LIFE HOUSES BELLS

MOUNT ASCENSION CARE FACILITY CANDY CANES

YOUTH HOMES ANGELS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CANDLES

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so by taking an envelope off of the small Christmas tree and returning it to the office with "Giving Tree" in the memo line

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL JAN B. AT (406) 450-0595

Giving Tree tags will go up on Saturday, November 30th along with the table sale!

Please Join us For the Posada and Drive Through Living Nativity



December 8th Between 5pm and 5:30pm

What is a Posada?

Posada is a Spanish word for “inn” or “shelter.” In a Posada, pilgrims reenact the journey of Joseph and Mary searching for lodging before the birth of Jesus.

In our Drive Thru Posada, we will drive to various shelters, asking for lodging by the inn keepers.

Although each pilgrim will be unable to find lodging, they will be given a gift and eventually be led to the Living Nativity!

Driving Instruction

Begin with the Posada:

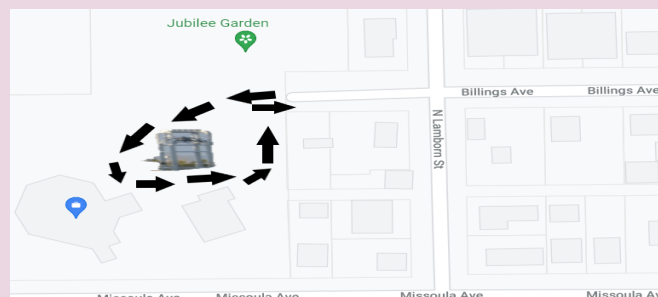
You will enter the back parking lot by turning on Billings Ave from Lamborn. Once you enter the parking lot, there will be someone to direct you.

You will follow the stars to the various shelters and ask for lodging. You will exit the parking lot the same way you came in. You will then turn right onto Lamborn.

Living Nativity:

Approaching from the east (Lamborn) and turn right onto Missoula Avenue. You will be greeted with a gift and you will see the Living Nativity!

This is a Drive Thru Posada and Nativity but you may also park in the neighborhood and walk! No parking will be available in the street spaces in front of the lawn by the Pastoral Center.



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Talk Radio for Catholic Life in Helena

KNEH is starting EARLY to celebrate 20 years of broadcasting in Helena 97.3fm. For the 12 days of Christmas beginning Dec. 1st, you can win an AM-FM radio by being the FIRST person to call KNEH when you hear us on the radio invite you to give us a call at 406-410-0968. Only one radio per family. THANK YOU! 2025 is 20 years of KNEH in Helena!

KNEH, as you know, is listener supported, non-profit Catholic radio. We invite you to use this QR code for your donation or you can mail a check to: KNEH, PO Box 6893, Helena, MT. 59604. Ph. 406-410-0968





Save the Date

Montana State MARCH for LIFE

Friday, January 3, 2025
11:30am—1pm

This Year's National March for Life Theme:

“LIFE” - It's Why We March!

Montana's *March for Life* will be held in the Capitol rotunda starting at 11:30am where we will celebrate, honor, and recognize the many state and local individuals, churches, and organizations who chose to defend life and oppose CI-128.

We will conclude this celebration with a Prayerful March around the Capitol in celebration of life!



2025

DATES & RATES

June 15-20

Junior High #1

July 6-11

Junior High #2

July 27-August 1

5th/6th Grade Girls

June 22-27

High School #1

July 13-18

High School #2

June 29-July 1

Family Camp

July 20-25

5th/6th Grade Boys

CAMP RATES

Early Bird Rate:
(Register in January)

\$400

Standard Rate:

\$425

REGISTRATION OPENS

January 3rd at Noon for families who live within the Diocese of Helena

January 8th at Noon for families who live outside the Diocese of Helena

> legendarylodge.org

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.



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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



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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!

- ◆ **Sunday November 24th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ **Monday November 25th:** 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm– 2:30 pm Grief Group; No OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday November 26th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm Book Club
- ◆ **Wednesday November 27th:** 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Mass; No RE; No Confessions; No Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday November 28th:** No Mass; Parish Office Closed; Happy Thanksgiving!
- ◆ **Friday November 29th:** No Mass; Parish Office Closed
- ◆ **Saturday November 30th:** 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass
- ◆ **Sunday December 1st:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; No Children's Liturgy of the Word; First day of Advent
- ◆ **Monday December 2nd:** 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm– 2:30 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA; 5:30 pm Communal Penance
- ◆ **Tuesday December 3rd:** 12:10 pm Mass; Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 2:00 pm; 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group; 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm Book Club
- ◆ **Wednesday December 4th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confession; 3:45 pm– 5:00 pm RE; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday December 5th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 10:00 am– 3:00pm Quilters; 5:00 Choir
- ◆ **Friday December 6th:** 10:30 Mass at Mount Ascension
- ◆ **Saturday December 7th:** 3:00 pm–4:00 pm Confessions; 4:30 pm Mass



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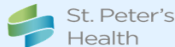
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