

# 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

December 13— Touchmark

December 20— Cooney

January 3— Mount Ascension

**December 8, 2024**

## The Second Sunday in Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

**Luke 3:5**

**December 15, 2024**

## The Third Sunday in Advent

“John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.””

**Luke 3:16**



## 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, December 8th—Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM Mass**—for the people of the Parish  
**10:30 AM Mass**—for Sister Elizabeth Henry†  
 rb: Gail Lannan

### Monday, December 9th

**5:30 PM Mass**— for Shelby Tatarka†  
 rb: Anne McCormick

### Tuesday, December 10th

**12:10 PM Mass**—for the intentions of Sharon Smole  
 rb: Betty Lahn

### Wednesday, December 11th

**12:10 PM Mass**— for Rev. Joseph L. Byrne †  
 rb: Gail Lannan  
**4:00 PM—5:00 PM**

### Thursday, December 12th

**8:00 AM Mass**— for Bill Lannan†  
 rb: The Lannan Family

### Friday, December 13th

**11:00 AM Mass at Touchmark** for the intentions of the people at Touchmark

### Saturday, December 14th

*Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22*  
**3:00 PM—4:00 PM Confessions**  
**4:30 PM Vigil**—for Burt Lahn  
 rb: Betty Lahn

## Sunday, December 15th—Third Sunday in Advent

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

**10:30 AM Mass**— for the intentions of Mike & Mary Foot's grandchildren  
 rb: Mike and Mary Foot  
**5:30 PM**— Advent Prayer Service

### Monday, December 16th—No Mass

**5:30 PM**— First Reconciliation

### Tuesday, December 17th

**12:10 PM Mass**— Charlie Pluff  
 rb: Mike and Mary Foot

### Wednesday, December 18th

**12:10 PM Mass**— for the intentions of Tony Lunde Family†  
 rb: Rose Ann Bradley  
**4:00 PM—5:00 PM Confessions**

### Thursday, December 19th

**12:10 PM Mass**—for Bill Lannan†  
 rb: Lannan family

### Friday, December 20th

**10:30 AM Mass at Cooney** for the intentions of the people at Cooney

### Saturday, December 21st

*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 Ella Bonney†  
 rb: Kevin and Angie Bonney



**Prayer  
 Ministry  
 Sacrifice**

**As praying stewards:** We celebrated Thanksgiving with our friends and family, giving thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us this past year. We also moved as a community into the season of Advent . . . waiting for the birth of the Christ child. A season of anticipation and hope, as well as a season of reconciliation to come closer to our God. We will celebrate with our youth in their presentation of the drive-through Posada and Living Nativity on Dec. 8th.

**As ministering stewards:** We moved into collecting mittens, hats, and gloves with our Religious Ed students for their Mitten Tree. We also moved into our season of the Giving Tree, collecting gifts and monies to provide for the poor in our community for this upcoming winter season. We continue to pray for parishioners who are ill or struggling with grief in this season of hope and light. We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 15th with a dinner.

**As sacrificing stewards:**

**Stewardship Gifts/Ordinary Income:**

Fiscal year 2024-25 Received:	7/1/24 – 11/30/24	\$197,871*
Fiscal year 2024-25 Budget:	7/1/24 – 11/30/24	<u>\$212,542</u>
<b>Difference: (Received – Budget):</b>		<b>-\$14,671</b>

**Maintenance & Repair Needs and Gifts** (Fiscal year 2024-25 (7/1/24 – 11/30/24))

Church Sky Light Repair (Estimate):	\$14,465
Church Furnace replacement (Estimate)**:	\$12,025
Regular Maintenance and Repair:	<u>\$18,720</u>
<b>Current Need:</b>	<b>\$45,210</b>
Maintenance & Repair Gifts Received:	<u>\$15,658</u>
<b>Difference: (Received – Need):</b>	<b>-\$29,552</b>

\*\*We discovered within the last two weeks that one of the two twin furnaces in the church basement is not working, when the blower motor went out in the one furnace which was working. A contractor was called to fix the blower motor and indicated there is not much useful life left in the furnaces, as they are approximately 30 years' old. Therefore, the decision has been made to replace the furnaces, hopefully before the hard cold hits in January/February, in order that we have heat in the church building. We have \$51,622 in M&R Savings from which to draw on for the furnace replacement, but this replacement will take a bite out of that saving account.

Monies from the Alden P. Howell Permanent Memorial Endowment Fund (\$5,355) were received from the Foundation of the Diocese of Helena at the beginning of November and placed in M&R Savings.

\*Includes Thanksgiving Auction/donations of \$16,433.

*Praise God and Thank You for your prayers, your share in ministry, and your sacrificial giving!*



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## *From Father Tim*

As most of you know, I recently returned from a trip to Africa – Tanzania specifically. We have three priests in our Diocese helping us who are part of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests. And it is their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a religious order. At the Jubilee Mass that was celebrated, there were 150 priests and approximately eight Bishops from England, Germany, and of course Africa. Since there are only about five priests from the Order who live at the provincial house in Tanzania, I was wondering what they were going to do with the priest chasubles. They gave them to us to take home. A very nice gift indeed. I will be wearing the chasuble in the coming weeks, and it will be a nice addition to our collection.

The trip itself was challenging, 20 hours both ways. It was ‘crazy,’ in a good way to arrive in Africa. In the back of my mind, I always had an interest in going there, but it was a passing thought that came and went over the years. When we arrived at the Kilimanjaro airport, I couldn’t believe I was there. Our trip included several ‘moves,’ as we stayed at a home operated by the Order a couple of different times – and moved to a location that was close to where we did the Safari to see the animals. Seeing the elephants, and all the various animals, and the grace and elegance of giraffes in their native land was awesome!

The celebration of Mass was wonderful, as people were dancing and singing to their hearts content. They are a joyous people because they are reliant on their faith in God and trust in their families amidst their challenges of poverty in their lives. The smiles on the people’s faces were wonderful. Because their joy is in the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

It was a wonderful, yet taxing trip. I am very glad I went there, and have a lifetime of memories to show for it. But if you plan a trip to Africa someday, keep in mind that is a challenging trip – but it is very well worth it. May all of you have a wonderful and holy Advent filled with the grace and peace of Christ!

God bless all of you!

*Fr. Tim*

## **Pope’s Intentions for December 2024**

### *For pilgrims of hope*

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.





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

# Faith Formation

## A Journey for Life

### First Reconciliation Class

**Sunday December 15th**

Class will be held from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the Social Center. At least one parent needs to attend the class with their child.

Contact Lori or Dawn for more information!

Please pray for our First Reconciliation Class who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time on Monday, December 16th!

**Join Us for our Posada and Living Nativity from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm on Sunday, December 8th!**



"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis

### Life in the Atrium!

It has been over 2 months now since we have been meeting in the Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! We have 9 children in our Monday afternoon class and 7 in our Tuesday morning class! Their ages are between 3 and 5 year olds!

I have to say that it has been amazing. We started meeting for half an hour and have worked up to one and a half hour each session.

In the Atrium, the children have many works to choose from. It is amazing to see them come into the Atrium, choose a work and then work quietly until their work is complete. It truly is a work of the Holy Spirit!

I was giving a presentation to one of the children about the basic articles at Mass. We have a small San Damiano cross on the altar, he picked it up and said "I could look at this forever." And he did sit and pray with it for a long time!

Another parent told me that her son excitedly exclaimed at Mass, "Father has a chalice!"

This week we were talking about Advent and where the kids saw purple at Mass...one 4 year old was very happy to say that the priest's chasuble was purple!

**The Lord is indeed working in the Atrium!  
Thank you again for all of your support and prayers!**

# Important Dates for Youth Group

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

## Helena Youth Groups' Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

When: Wednesday December 18th

Where: Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Time: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Instead of our usual middle and high school youth group on Wednesday December 18th, we will be meeting at Our lady of the Valley to have a night of fun and games and snacks with other youth groups in Helena. The theme is to wear your most festive, cute, ugly, colorful, Christmas sweater! There will be prizes! If you don't have one, no problem, just wear something comfortable!



Confirmation Candidates will meet on Sunday, December 15th to help with the Giving Tree. Meet in the Gathering Space at 10:30 am.



### Advent Prayer

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

# Liturgical Life

## ***A People That In Darkness Walked***

Dr. Wendy Yuen

As we light the second candle of Advent, we are called to reflect on Christ's promise to bring light into a world overshadowed by suffering and sin. This week's hymn, *A People That in Darkness Walked*, written by Father Michael Joncas, invites us into the prophetic words of Isaiah:

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."*  
– Isaiah 9:2

In a time when wars rage across Ukraine, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, the hymn's seventh verse strikes me:

*"What must we do to end war's curse?  
The lives extinguished without cause..."*

This heartfelt plea for guidance resonates with a powerful true story from Christmas 1914, during World War I. British and German soldiers, entrenched along the Western Front in one of history's darkest moments, experienced an extraordinary act of peace.

On Christmas Eve, German soldiers began singing "*Stille Nacht*" (*Silent Night*). Their voices floated across no man's land, and soon British soldiers joined in, singing the carol in English. By Christmas morning, soldiers from both sides emerged from their trenches to exchange greetings, share small gifts, and even play a game of football.

This event, known as the Christmas Truce of 1914, offered a brief but profound glimpse of hope, unity, and humanity amidst the horrors of war. While the truce was fleeting, it remains a powerful reminder of Christ's light breaking through the darkest of circumstances. The shared singing reflected a deep longing for an end to violence, a recognition of shared humanity, and an echo of the hymn's question: "*What must we do to end war's curse?*"

Joncas' hymn captures the tension between humanity's suffering and the hope found in God's promise. Its modal melody invites us into deep reflection, challenging us to consider our role in bringing peace to a fractured world. As we sing the hymn's final verse, we are reminded of the Holy Spirit's power to transform us. This verse is both a prayer and a challenge—to allow the Spirit to ignite within us the courage to be agents of peace and justice, aligning our lives with God's will.

As we journey through this sacred season, may we ask ourselves: "*What must we do?*"

May we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and strive to be bearers of His light in a world yearning for redemption, peace, and unity. Let us live these Advent days ablaze with His love, bringing the promise of peace to all.

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We invite all children to join the Ensemble Choir to sing hymns in the Prelude for Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at 4 pm.

**Rehearsals:** 12/11: 5-5:30 pm; and 12/23: 4 pm

**To Join:** Contact Maria Foot at 406-261-0002 or [mfoot49@gmail.com](mailto:mfoot49@gmail.com)



# 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

The Creche – Saint Mary Catholic Community

Do you have a Nativity/Creche at your home? Perhaps it is a special family heirloom or tradition to set out the figures of the Nativity. Did you know we have a special creche at Saint Mary's, one that was designed and carved by a local artist from Helena?

In 1989, Scot Walter was commissioned by the parish Liturgical commission to create and sculpt our Creche. As a sculptor, he was diligent in not only the carving, but also studied the history of the time of Jesus to be accurate and authentic in his depictions of the figures. One interesting fact is that the wood he used is yellow poplar from the Anselmo mine yard in Butte.

Throughout the years, the figures have been placed throughout the Advent/Christmas season. You are invited to take time and observe the figures as part of your Advent/Christmas reflection. Notice the details in the figures. Did you know that Joseph is holding the type of oil lamp that would have been used at that time? Note the presence of a woman in the scene and a crippled shepherd. Do you wonder why? And the Three Kings... at that time they were astronomers or astrologists studying the stars.

The Creche at Saint Mary is our special Nativity. It calls us to reflect on a Christmas tradition...and hopefully it calls us to find anew Christ born into our world...Christ born into our hearts.

We invite you to check out these two links on our parish website: The [Creche History video](#) and [Blessing of a Nativity](#) for your family as you set out your home nativity this year.



# SAINT FRANCIS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE MINISTRY

## Advent Journey – Considering the Creche



*The season of Advent continues with weeks three and four.* In the last bulletin the animals and the shepherds offered reflections on our connection with animals and our need to be in solidarity with those on the margins.

*In week 3 the crippled boy and the young girl, the inn keeper's daughter, are added to the creche.* Few would argue that someone who is crippled, or blind does not need special accommodations and help. And most of us have a general understanding that the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requires restaurants and public places have wheelchair access and special parking spots. However, the ADA is a broad umbrella covering several titles and acts that include protections and accommodations for employment, public transportation, telecommunications, voting accommodations and housing – to name a few. It also requires that students with learning disabilities receive appropriate educational accommodations in public schools, whether for dyslexia, autism, or many other neurodivergent traits. Back to the creche. Can the crippled boy remind us of our obligation to view whatever disability one has with understanding, compassion, and a commitment to protect their rights?

*The inn keeper's daughter stands out* because in traditional nativity settings the only woman present is Mary, the mother of Jesus! Yet here she is, and is there any question that when Jesus was born, there may have been women around as well? Is it not hard to imagine that a woman, acting as a midwife as women did, might not have been there? And surely there would have been need of the clean water brought by the inn keeper's daughter. Does not our society and our Church often overlook or minimize the importance of women or deny them the full exercise of their agency, talents, and skills? Are there actions needed to press forward for the equal dignity and rights of women?

*In week 4 the angel and Mary are added to the Nativity. We may also see the three astronomers placed at a distance, somewhere in the church.* What reflection on justice and peace does the angel offer? The ideas are unlimited, but two characteristics attributed to angels may come to mind. Angels are often messengers, and they are often thought to be protectors. In his first inaugural address Abraham Lincoln referred to “the better angels of our nature.” Can we act as our “better angels” in speech, actions, conciliation, and reconciliation, especially at this time of such division? And can we also choose to protect and guide, in whatever way we can, those struggling mentally, those with addiction and those struggling with the less fortunate aspects of their lives, whatever they may be?

*Perhaps Mary, the mother of Jesus, offers the most compelling challenges of all.* It is Mary who brings us face to face with trusting God in our difficult circumstances – not just individually, but in our country, our Church, the world. *Mary's trust is anything but passive for she chooses to do the most hard thing – to be the mother of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.* What circumstances in our life, what challenges do we face, that call us not only to put our trust in God, but to do the hard thing? Do we put aside our biases? Do we see the face of Christ in “the other” and act as the hands of Christ – whether in family, work, Church, or our country?

*During this time, we may see the three astronomers placed at a distance. They appear at the creche at Epiphany.* They, too, offer food for thought and meditation. Who are the “wise men” in our lives? Who do we listen to? What people, what internet news sites, what podcasts, what books, what articles influence how we are in the world? How we see migrants? How we see those with differing gender identity? How we see those of other religions? The three wise men were not Jews. Coming from afar they may have been Zoroastrians from Persia. Yet they, of a different tradition, are welcomed, valued, and honored for the homage they bring. No matter who or what influences us, it surely impacts how we interact in the world. Can we choose as Jesus would have us?

*Finally, Baby Jesus arrives at the creche. He is the culmination and fulfillment of the messages brought by those present at his birth. Yet He is also the beginning of our life lived in trust of God and service to one another.*

Let us pray that we take this Advent journey forward with us in hope, peace, and care for all.

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*





# SAINT MARY CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

## Contemplate the Mystery of Creation as We Celebrate the Mystery of Incarnation

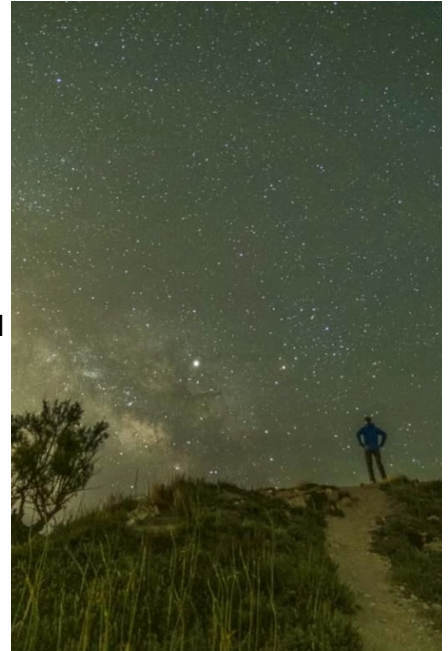
*Laudato Si' Movement Advent - Reflect and Act during the Four Weeks of Advent*

**Reflect:** How do we find ourselves already 'weighed down' and trapped in daily life? How are we already witnessing nations 'in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea' (Luke 21:25)? **Be attentive to how yourself and others suffer from the ecological crisis**, and consider how **Advent** is a time foundational to Christian hope which **encourages both contemplation and action** for the whole of creation.

**Act:** Think of ways in which Advent can be a time to unsettle your habits and comforts in order to **focus more fully on Christ and to respond to ecological destruction**. Give yourself the mission of 'reclaiming' Advent from its usual consumerist emphasis in order to lean into a more profoundly Christian understanding of this time.

**Reflect:** Reflect on **the importance of the wilderness, deserts, rivers, seas, and other natural landscapes to the narratives of the Bible**. How can we recognize the importance of such places to **our own personal narratives**, and how can we draw together ecological and Christian reconciliation?

**Act:** Embrace the possibility of veering away from ecologically harmful forms of consumption during Advent, and how instead this time can be centered on your loved ones. Think of whether you could go out with friends or family in a nearby green space and pick out organic material to create your own Christmas decorations, and how you can **appreciate the abundance of God's creation** while you do so.



**Reflect:** What does it truly mean to embrace **the call of the Gospels to kindness and charity**? How can we, in our own lives, live out this radical call against the grain of usual social and economic realities to reaffirm the distinctiveness of the Christian faith and hope?

**Act:** Consider participating in the life of your local community. This could be donating to a charity of your choosing, or **reaching out to people in need and engaging in conversation with them** if safe to do so.

**Reflect:** Think of how we are all **blessed by the presence of the Lord**, who makes Himself available to us without discriminating. How can we share that blessing with others around us? How can we similarly make ourselves humbly available to all?

**Act:** Center this Advent on quality time spent with friends and family, so that **presence may become what is gifted in this time**. Make this Christmas not about consumption, but rather about **contemplating what gifts we have already been given and are being given every day by God** and the people around us, and how in return we may celebrate and share this joy.

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

### A Beautiful Opportunity - Advent Simplicity Challenge 2024 (Ignatian Solidarity Network)

**This Advent, commit to simplicity** (about a minute a day). In the spirit of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* (Care for Our Common Home) this **online Advent calendar** helps us to prepare for the coming of Jesus and to work towards the restoration of the earth. **Consider signing up for the Advent calendar using this link** – [igsol.net/advent](https://igsol.net/advent)

## 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!

**Support those who have given a lifetime.** Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space during Mass, and for those that utilize online giving, feel free to donate to the campaign!

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Done a los que donaron su vida.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

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!

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES THANK YOU

Our 2024 Thanksgiving Food Box Project was a success! We distributed nearly 300 boxes of food to help ensure that families in need had a bountiful Thanksgiving this year. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, WinCo Foods, Helena Food Share, Salvation Army, Mesa Moving and Storage, and Home Depot. Thanks to those who prepared generous family-to-family food boxes or brought food for the boxes. Special thanks to our dozens of volunteers who loaded and unloaded the truck, sorted food, donated hats and coats, assembled and filled food boxes, hauled boxes upstairs, and distributed the boxes, turkeys, coats, and hats to members of our community.

## Save the Date

Join us for a Mexican Dinner in Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 15th!

\$9 per plate or \$25 per family

RSVP to the Parish Office or sign up on the church kiosk or [HERE](#)



Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on December 12, 2024, with guest speaker Traci Hronek . Our meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room at Missouri River Brewing at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!

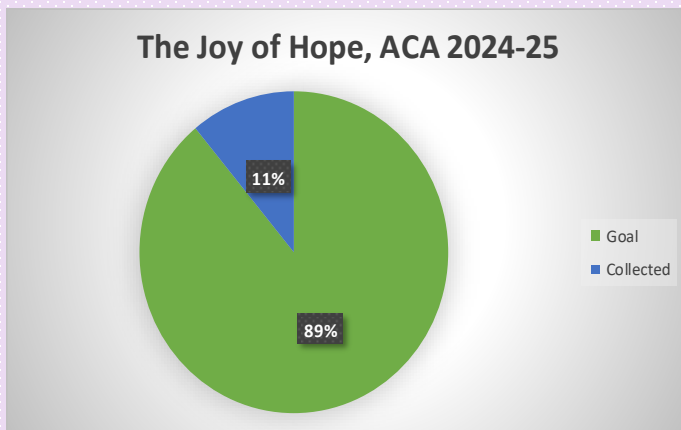


### Mark Your Calendars!

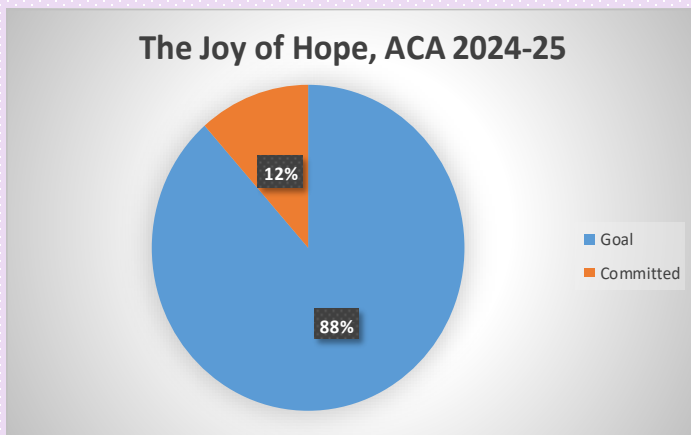
- ◆ **Sunday December 8th:** 8:00 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word; 5:30 pm Living Stations
- ◆ **Monday December 9th:** 9:45 am Prayer Group; 1:00 pm– 2:30 pm Grief Group; 5:30 pm OCIA
- ◆ **Tuesday December 10th:** 6:45 am Men’s Prayer; 12:10 pm Mass; Group; 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm Book Club
- ◆ **Wednesday December 11th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 3:45 pm RE; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; 6:30 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday December 12th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 5:00 Choir
- ◆ **Friday December 13th:** 11:00 am Mass at Touchmark
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- ◆ **Wednesday December 18th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions; No RE; 7:00 pm Youth Group
- ◆ **Thursday December 19th:** 12:10 pm Mass; 10:00 am– 3:00pm Quilters; 5:00 Choir
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