



**Fr. Tim Moriarty**, Administrator  
**Deacon Steve Barry**, (Senior status)  
**Deacon Randy Fraser**, (Senior Status)

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406-458-6114

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**Web Page:** [www.olvmt.org](http://www.olvmt.org)

**Mass Schedule**

**No services this Wednesday  
September 17th**

**Sunday: Mass at 11:00 am & 4:00 pm**

**Parish Office Staff**

Office Manager: Kelly Bond

Bookkeeper: Lisa Richard

**Youth Ministry**

Becky Tooke (PreK-6th Grade) 406-461-2995

David Casey (7th & 8th Grade) 406-443-4750

David Casey (High School) 406-443-4750

**Music Ministry**

Rebecca Kagerer

**Liturgical Ministers Coordinator**

Dennis Mayernik 406-450-6462

**OCIA formerly RCIA**

Dennis O'Reilly 406-266-1181

Carleen Layne 406-594-6489

**Finance Council Members**

Bob Bennett, Dan Gengler, Pat Marron,

Jim McKeon, Charlotte McMilin,

Jeanne Saarinen **Larry Thomas Chair**

**Pastoral Council Members**

Jenny Iverson, **Hanna Marron Chair**,

Rachel Molm, Mike Newhouse,

Kevin Ochs, John Ries, Hazel Yuhas

**Baptism Preparation Class**

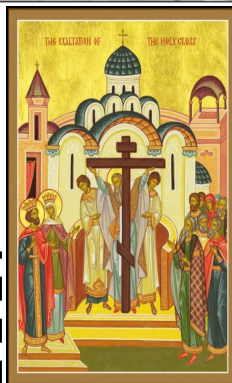
January-April-July-October

(Contact Parish Office)

**Wednesday, October 1st at 4:15 pm in Conference Room**

**Marriage Preparation** 6 months' notice required

(Contact Parish Office)



For  
God  
so  
loved  
the  
world

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 14th Readings**

**1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b—9**

During their journey from Egypt, the Israelites complain against God and Moses and the travelers are plagued by deadly serpents. Realizing the sin of their complaints, they plead with Moses to pray for their deliverance. God instructs Moses to "make a saraph" and "if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."

**2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6—11**

Paul uses a hymn of praise to tell the Christian community of Philippi about Christ's concealing his divinity and assuming the role of servant during his life. Christ humbled himself completely, "becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." This led to his being exalted by God.

**Gospel: John 3:13—17**

Jesus tells Nicodemus that God gave his Son that those who believe in him will not die but live eternally. He came, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

**Upcoming Events**

**OLV Family Kickball**

September 21st at 1:00 pm

Batch Fields Call David 406-443-4750

**Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk**

September 23rd at 5:30 pm

St Mary Catholic Community Social Center

**7th grade-12th grade Faith Formation**

Starts September 24th at 7 pm

**PreK-5th grade Faith Formation**

Starts September 28th 9:45 — 10:45 am

**6th grade Confirmation**

Class starts September 28th at 12:30—2:00 pm

**Deacon Appreciation, October 5th  
after both masses**

**Bishop's Gala October 10th  
At Carroll College Proceeds  
go to Legendary Lodge**

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena](http://The Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena) for tickets.

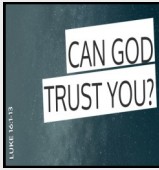
# WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE September 14 — September 21, 2025

FFA-Faith Formation Area, GS-Gathering Space, CR-Conference Room

|               |          |                                      |
|---------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday 14th   | 11:00 am | Live Stream Mass                     |
|               | 12:15 pm | 50th Celebration of OLV as a Parish  |
|               | 4:00 pm  | Mass † for the people                |
| Thursday 18th | 1:30 pm  | Soul Core                            |
|               | 7:00 pm  | Vigil Service for Mary Loveless      |
| Friday 19th   | 11:00 am | Funeral Mass for Mary Loveless       |
| Sunday 21st   | 11:00 am | Live Stream Mass † for Alan Williams |
|               | 4:00 pm  | Mass † for the people                |

The link to join 11:00 am streaming Mass is at [olymt.org](http://olymt.org)



### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21st Readings

Amos 8:4—7  
1 Timothy 2:1—8  
Luke 16:1—13

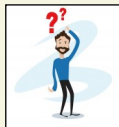
### Baptism Preparation Class at OLV

Wednesday -  
October 1st  
4:15 pm in the  
Conference Room  
Babies welcome!  
Please call the  
parish office for more  
info ~ 406-458-6114



### OLV OCIA Adult Faith Formation 2025-26

Are you  
Interested in learning  
about the Catholic faith?  
Are you Catholic and  
want to deepen your  
Catholic faith?



Need to complete  
First Eucharist or Confirmation  
or both?

Classes starting  
Wednesday, September 24th  
6:30 pm in the Conference  
Room

Please call  
Dennis O'Reilly 406-266-1181  
Carleen Layne 406-594-6489

**You are invited to prayerfully  
consider participating in any of the  
many ministries at OLV.**

**Time, Talent, Treasure  
Coming Soon!**



Religious Education registration is now  
available for the 2025-2026 school year.

This is for PreK through 12th grade.  
Scroll to the Formation class needed.  
At the end of the form it will take you to  
Give Central to pay Tuition.

**PreK — 5th grade: \$50**  
**Starts September 28th**  
**at 9:45-10:45 am**

**6th grade Confirmation: \$60**  
**Starts September 28th**  
**12:30 — 2:00 pm**

**7th grade — 12th grade: \$60**  
**Starts September 24th at 7 pm**

Use QR code to register

Please contact Becky,  
David or parish office if you  
are in need of a scholarship.  
No one will be denied  
enrollment.



Want to donate to YouCat Chat  
Use the QR code



This program takes  
place at Capital High  
School at lunch time  
in the Band Room.

YOUCAT



Email prayer requests to Jeaneen at  
[jeaneen1966@gmail.com](mailto:jeaneen1966@gmail.com)

**LOW GLUTEN  
HOSTS**  
are available.  
Please contact the  
parish office at  
406-458-6114  
to inquire.



**Hearing  
devices**  
are available  
for anyone interested  
in using them. They  
are located in the  
drawer in the  
gift table.



This renewable generation Project received funding through the  
NorthWestern Energy As of Friday, September 12th at 12:30 pm OLV  
has produced 39 MWh of energy worth \$5,655 CO2 Emission Saved  
60,494.4 lb. Equivalent trees planted 457



# HELP WANTED

## Our Lady of the Valley is hiring!

We are seeking a qualified individual to assume the Maintenance and Janitorial position.

This role will require **10-15 hours of work per week.**

Responsibilities include lawn care, Vacuuming floors, mopping, arranging tables and chairs for events, changing filters, and cleaning bathrooms, among other tasks.

*See Kelly in the office for more information.*

GOOD SAMARITAN  
MINISTRIES

\$41k annual salary  
Benefits Package  
Team Environment

## NOW HIRING

### OPEN POSITION:

- Volunteer & Events Coordinator
  - Are you?
    - Mission Driven?
    - Community Focused?
    - Passionate about serving those in need?

APPLY NOW

(406) 475-0308

dbartleson@dohmt.org

3067 N. Montana Ave.  
Helena, MT 59601



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Diocese of Helena

## STEP INTO FALL:

## A SOCIAL FOR THE LADIES

HOSTED AT SAINT CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS CATHOLIC PARISH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND  
6:30-8:00PM

- MEET AND GREET OTHER WOMEN. EVENT OPEN TO ALL WOMEN IN HELENA AREA!
- REFRESHMENTS AND SEASONAL SNACKS
- PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE CLASSICAL TEMPERAMENTS
- PREVIEW "THE MUSTARD SEED PRESS" FALL 2025 ISSUE, LOCAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S JOURNAL

RSVP AND REGISTER HERE!



## THE DIOCESE IS HIRING

### Director of Financial Services & CFO

The Diocese of Helena is seeking an experienced, creative, and operationally-minded financial professional. Competitive salary, generous benefits, fulfilling mission. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to serve the Catholic Church in Western Montana!

Sept. 15 priority

Full description & application details:  
[www.diocesehelena.org/employment](http://www.diocesehelena.org/employment)

### Grief Support Group: COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Beginning Monday September 29, 2025 1:00pm  
Saint Mary Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave.

A grief support group is a *SAFE* place to meet with others, COMPANIONS who are grieving. It is a place to *SHARE YOUR STORY*, your *TEARS* and your *HOPES*. Whether your loss is recent, months or years you may benefit from the *SUPPORT* and *SACRED TIME* with others on the same journey.

***ALL ARE WELCOME*** who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There are times after a death when we need someone to talk to...we need to know we are not alone, others share our pain, our questions our concerns.

"We need others to root for us." Sheineele Jones

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, LCSW  
Call Saint Mary's parish office 442-5268 and register  
or Helen Beausoleil 406-459-0948.

*"The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn."*



2025-2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Diocese of Helena

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| September 15-18 | Clergy Days (Butte)                    |
| October 10      | Bishop's Gala (Carroll College)        |
| October 10-12   | CYC Board #2 (East Helena)             |
| October 16-17   | Catholic Educators Conference (Helena) |
| October 25      | Junior High Rally (Bozeman)            |
| November 19-23  | NCYC (Indianapolis)                    |

# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

September 14th **SUN 11 AM** **SUN 4 PM**

**Lectors:** Erin Bley  
Kevin Molm  
Jonna Brenton  
Don Pratt

**EMs:** 1. Deacon Steve Barry  
2. Laura Barry  
3. Tessa McGree  
4. Peggy Pillman  
5. Paulette Adams  
1. Dave Galt  
2. Vicky Galt  
3. Deb Jones  
4. Volunteer needed  
5. Volunteer needed

**Greeters:** Shirley Timmerman  
Owen Molm  
Ireland Bley  
Jere & Kay Hoy  
Allyne Ochs  
Joseph Ochs

**Altar Servers:**

September 21st **SUN 11 AM** **SUN 4 PM**

**Lectors:** Dennis O'Reilly  
Pam O'Reilly  
Ed Beall  
Rhonda Malecha

**EMs:** 1. JoAnne Canney  
2. Mary Vogl  
3. Paul Tschida  
4. Shirley Timmerman  
5. Cassandra Jimenez  
1. Linda Juvik  
2. Karolyne Redding  
3. Larry Thomas  
4. Mark Deegan  
5. Volunteer needed

**Greeters:** Mike & Betty Evans  
Ashlyn Newhouse  
Gwen Tooke  
JoEllen Moon  
Eddie Quinn  
Sully Quinn

**Altar Servers:**



## Pope's Intention for September:

*For our relationship with all creation.*

Let us pray, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures that are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## Our Parish Stewardship

August 25, 2025 ACH \$ 9,701  
Rent \$ 1,500  
Give Central \$ 2,640  
August 31, 2025 \$ 4,464  
September 7, 2025 \$ 4,291

## Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

September 1, 2024 \$ 81,586  
August 31, 2025 \$ 75,342  
September 8, 2024 \$ 88,264  
September 7, 2025 \$ 79,633  
(Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

**Wondering about your offering options?  
Wanting to contribute more?**

**For all your offering needs, please call Lisa  
at the Parish Office 406-458-6114**

## OUR Seminarians



*Please remember our  
seminarians, and to pray  
for more priestly vocations!*

Carter Anderson,  
Deacon Dillon Armstrong,  
Shae Bills, John Cooney,  
**Carson Gorton**,  
Riley Helgoe, Matthew Keck,  
Kaleb Mitchell,  
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz,  
James Semling, Jamie Severson,  
and **Jake Smith**



*An Exciting Opportunity to Learn about this Holy Man  
Sponsored by Saint Mary Catholic Community  
and Our Lady of the Valley Church*

## SERVANT OF GOD NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

"Nicholas Black Elk was living in Heaven long before his death."  
-Father Lois Escalante (Rome, Italy)

Nicholas Black Elk (1858-66 – 8/19/1950) was a holy man throughout his life. With his Lakota spirituality, he prayed with others, offering hope in challenging times. Later, as a catechist for the Catholic Church, he continued to pray with people, guiding them toward hope in Christ. Despite the trials he faced, he kept his focus on something greater than his earthly journey. He was shown a vision of all of us living together. This is a message we need today.

## Deacon William J. White, Postulator for the Cause of Canonization for Nicholas Black Elk

Deacon Bill White is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota tribe and serves the Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota, supporting the Pine Ridge Reservation. In 2017 Bishop Robert Gruss appointed Bill as postulator of the cause for the Canonization of Nicholas Black Elk, Sr.

5:30 Tuesday September 23, 2025, Saint Mary Catholic  
Community Social Center 1700 Missoula Ave. Helena, MT.

A light dinner will be served.

A free will offering would be appreciated.

AT ST MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter will  
be held:  
Oct. 3-5, 2025  
Missoula, MT**

For more information  
visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)  
Or Contact  
Paul & Tracy McElvery  
307-689-2820

## CALLED TO CARE

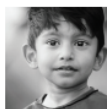
**All across Montana, children  
in crisis are praying for safety,  
love, and belonging.**

Catholic Social Services and Child  
Bridge are raising up families  
grounded in Christian compassion.

*"Whoever receives one child such  
as this in my name receives me."  
Matthew 18:5*

**Could God be calling you to  
step in?**

**LEARN MORE TODAY**  
[childbridgemontana.org](http://childbridgemontana.org)



**CHILD BRIDGE**

## LEGENDARY NEEDS LOGS

FORTIFY THE LEGEND. EXPAND THE MISSION



Bishop's  
*Gala*

**OCTOBER 10, 2025**  
5:00 PM  
CARROLL COLLEGE





## OLV Memories

In the original days of OLV, we shared space with the Baptist church and I was very intrigued with the “swimming pool” behind the altar. Occasionally the Baptists would leave the cover off since they had just had a baptism. I had never seen such a thing. I also have fond memories of my mother (Mary Dolan) playing the organ, my dad skipping church, and all six of us siblings lined up (probably in a very specific order) in one pew. Right behind us would be the Glisans. Russ and Fran would tap us on the shoulder if we started to get out of line. Mother was watching from the organ and would give the Glisans a nod to give us the tap and point to our Mom who would give us a glare and get us to return our focus to the service!

I remember running around the church yard and social hall when we had social events. My sisters and I snuck a half cup of coffee and tried it out. I immediately spat it out and thought, who could drink this stuff! It was a very small church, and we eventually outgrew the space and built the original Our Lady of the Valley church. The whole time I was growing up and attending church here, Father Sodja was the priest. I guess that was uncommon for a priest to stay with a church for 10 years, but he was a very kind man. Once, he packed up the six of us siblings in his station wagon and took us to Fairmont Hot Springs. We were all playing in the swimming pool and he taught two of my siblings how to swim. Much later, when I was a senior in high school, he taught our Confirmation class. Mine was not the first, but there weren't a lot of teens in the congregation, so we didn't do it every year. Christy, my younger sister, and I attended. Father Sodja was not really bothered by our rowdy behavior and was very able to keep us on track. We even had a lock-in at the church the night before the confirmation.

I also have great memories of the Helping Hands committee that came to our house when my mother was struggling to make ends meet after my parents split up. They scraped all the exterior clapboards and repainted the whole house. We couldn't have done it alone, and all those people coming together and helping was amazing.

I also have memories of Marcella Hanson offering up her home for childcare during church services on Sunday mornings. Her house was just a street or two away and she had a large family room that was perfect. I would go over to her house about a ½ hour before service started and watch the younger kids so their parents could attend. She was always so gracious about having me there early and leaving me to watch all the kids in her home.

There was so much trust shared by all the people encountered through the church. The sense of shared responsibility for each other was and is still carried with me as an adult.

- Joan (Thelen) Brown, Mary Dolan's daughter

Congratulations, OLV! I remember all 6 of us sitting in the row near the front of the Baptist church while you (Mom, Mary Dolan) played the organ and you glaring at us from time to time as we sometimes goofed off. 😊 There may have been an adult you enlisted to keep an eye on us. I met my lifelong friend Linda in that church, we've been friends 50 years now, confirmed together in the "new" church. The music in OLV has spoiled me for other Catholic churches – so uplifting and full of life. It feels like "coming home" when we are back and can attend there.

- *Mary Leonard, Mary Dolan's daughter*

OLV has always been "home" for me. We moved to Helena in 1986 when I was young and our family found it a perfect fit. My favorite memories are from "Break at the Lake" which was a weekend for members of OLV to spend time at a church camp on Flathead Lake. There were cabins, communal dining, games, skits, swimming, and lots of community building fun. I can't even imagine how great something like this would be now with how much OLV has grown and all the families and kids! Our family had the best time.

I remember pancake breakfasts in the original church, the folding chairs with orange, yellow, and brown cushions that made a swishing sound when you sat on them...you could really hear it with all the ups/downs us Catholics do during mass. 😊

High School Religious Education (RE back in the 90's) was great with both Dan Dodge and Jack Ward. We had some fun fundraisers. Jack was especially skilled at keeping teenagers engaged enough that we got something out of it. He was a large part of my growth as a Catholic, much like I think our current Faith Formation teachers and volunteers are. OLV continues to have a great reputation for engaging our youth, creating a thriving community and our next generation of Catholics. I have been a witness to this for the last 39 years!

Through all my memories, there is one common thread. The PEOPLE. People of all ages and walks of life. Christ's people. People who lead, listen, support, love, laugh with, cry with, and engage in active ministry to the community and to each other. This is why I am a member of OLV. It's a gift and it keeps on giving.

- *Tammy Stefanik*



My dear, dear Mary Olson and all my beloved “Our Lady of the Valley” who birthed with shared labor and love the parish community that is still thriving so beautifully! I have continually been filled with memories—faces--names-SOOO many stories since I received your invitation to join you on September 14<sup>th</sup>! Know that I will be lighting my Intentional candles here and will be holding all of you in my heart sending you full love, joy and gratitude across the miles!

I am enclosing some meditations from a precious little book, Spirit Wheel that I use often for my morning prayer. As you pray them they will remind you fo my heart still loving and living within Our Lady of the Valley!

Handprints of Our Heart, SPIRIT WHEEL

We are all called, each in our own way. To do the work of creation knitting together the many strands of grace that hold the universe together.

We each have a task to perform, even if we are not always aware of its true purpose or intent. We may not even know what good we have done until the great cycles of love turn round and we discover the blessing we have been.

When the curtain parts, we suddenly feel the cool air of heaven billowing about us and for only an instant we know that we have made a difference.

We are all called, called to be what no other can be the handprint of our heart on the long walls of time.

--Sister Annie Loendorf

We remember Father Sodja very well from St Mary's. He asked us to join OLV. Then he said, you give money....oh, I shouldn't say that! Because we gave money to St Mary's!! Sandy said that Fr. Sodja was disappointed in the name the initial group came up with for the church. “Our Lady of the Valley”, that's all you've got, he said. Sandy thinks he was interested in something around the “Annunciation” but wasn't sure. We remember meeting in the Baptist Church.

--Larry & Sandy Smith

*Fun Fact: Diocesan Archives: SS Cyril, St Mary's, and the Cathedral donated \$3,000 each and the Diocese \$10,000 to purchase Father Sodja's trailer which later turned into RE and offices.*