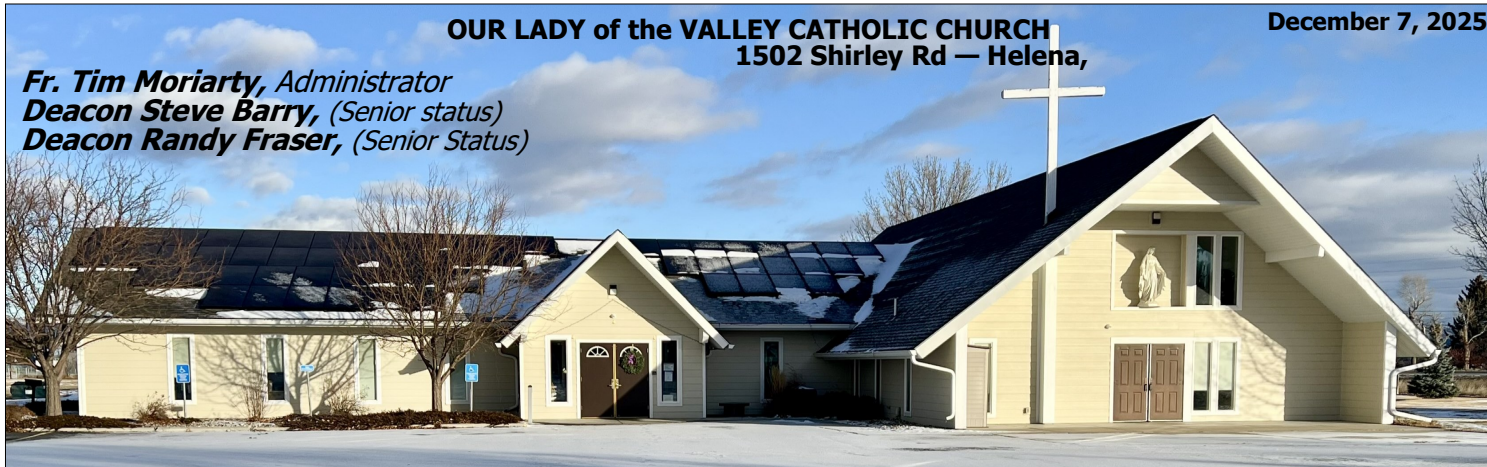


Fr. Tim Moriarty, Administrator
Deacon Steve Barry, (Senior status)
Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior Status)



Office Hours: 10 am — 3 pm
Monday-Friday

Parish Office:
406-458-6114
406-458-8179

E-mail: olvoffice@olvmt.org

Web Page: www.olvmt.org

Mass Schedule

Wednesday
4:30 pm Adoration
4:30 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass

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

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Bob Bennett, Dan Gengler,
Jim McKeon, Charlotte McMilin,
Jeanne Saarinen, Jim Sebestyen,
Larry Thomas Chair

Pastoral Council Members

Donna Driver, Tessa McGree, Rachel Molm,
Kevin Ochs, **John Ries: Chair**, Hazel Yuhas

Baptism Preparation Class

January-April-July-October

(Contact Parish Office) **January 4th at 12:15 pm**

Marriage Preparation 6 months' notice required
(Contact Parish Office)



Prepare
the
way
of
the
Lord

2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1—10

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse," prophesied Isaiah. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him" through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and awe in the presence of God.

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4—9

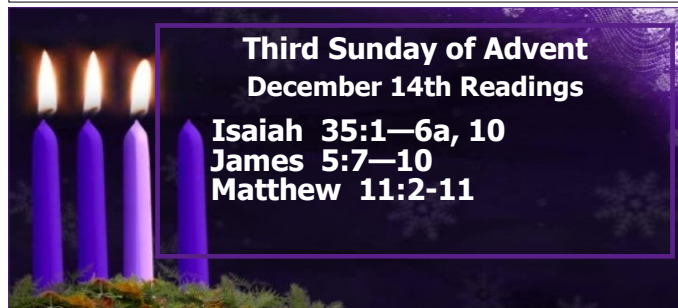
The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that "we might have hope."

Gospel: Matthew 3:1—12

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14th Readings

Isaiah 35:1—6a, 10
James 5:7—10
Matthew 11:2-11



Bishop Vetter visit **December 14, 2025**
at the 11:00 Mass.

Refreshments to follow this Mass.
Bring cookies to share.



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."
—Mother Teresa

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE December 7 — December 14, 2025

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

Sunday 7th	9:45 am	PreK-5th grade RE <i>FFA</i>
	11:00 am	Live Stream Mass † <i>for Loa Giacoma</i>
	12:30 pm	6th grade Confirmation Class <i>CR</i>
	4:00 pm	Mass † <i>for the people</i>
Monday 8th	12:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass OLV
	5:30 pm	<i>Immaculate Conception Mass at St Mary's</i>
Wednesday 10th	4:30 pm	Adoration
	4:30 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary at All Saints Chapel
	6:00 pm	Mass
	6:30 pm	OCIA CR
	6:30 pm	Joint Council Meeting in the Loft
	7:00 pm	7th-12th Grade Youth <i>FFA</i>
Thursday 11th	1:30 pm	Soul Core <i>FFA</i>
Friday 12th	9:00 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at OLV
Sunday 14th	9:45 am	PreK-5th grade RE <i>FFA</i>
	11:00 am	Live Stream Mass with Bishop Vetter
	12:30 pm	6th grade Confirmation Class <i>CR</i>
	4:00 pm	Mass † <i>for the people</i>

The link to join 11:00 am streaming Mass is at olymt.org



HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS EDITION

Are you interested in providing children with gifts or a personal needs basket for a Head Start family for Christmas? Or a monetary donation for groceries?

Look for envelopes at the back of the church next to the office or contact Tammy Stefanik at 406-459-2791 or Mary Heidlebaugh 406-459-1441 for more information.

National Collection for Retirement Religious will be next Sunday. Envelopes are in your envelope packets and in the entryway.

Advent and Christmas Schedules in Helena Area

	Immaculate Conception December 8th	Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th	Advent Reconciliation With extra priests	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Mary, Mother of God
Our Lady of the Valley	12:00 pm	9:00 am	December 18th 5:15 pm—6:45 pm	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	9:00 am	January 1st 9:00 am
St Mary Catholic Community	5:30 pm	No Mass	December 2nd 5:30 pm	4:30 pm 9:00 pm	9:00 am	December 31st 5:30 pm
SS Cyril & Methodius	12:00 pm 5:30 pm	12:00 pm followed by Adoration	December 10th 5:30 pm—7:00 pm	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	9:00 am	December 31st 4:30 pm January 1st 10:15 am
Cathedral	7:00 am 5:30 pm* *followed by candlelit rosary	7:00 am 5:00 pm in Spanish* *meal to follow		5:00 pm 9:00 pm 12:00 am	10:00 am	January 1st 10:00 am

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen at jeaneen1966@gmail.com

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

are available. Please contact the parish office at 406-458-6114 to inquire.



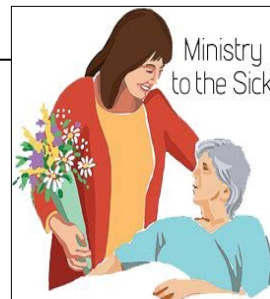
Hearing devices

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



Pope's Intention for December:

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray, that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



If you are aware of a family member or friend from our parish who wishes to receive communion please call the parish office. 406-458-6114



This renewable generation Project received funding through the **NorthWestern Energy** As of Friday, December 5th at 11:30 am **OLV** has produced 44.4 MWh of energy worth \$6,438 CO2 Emission Saved 68,819 lb. Miles driven on Sunshine 78,110

HABEMUS PAPAM



"Upon this Rock"
-MATT 16:18

Progress as of 12/5/2025
Our goal of \$58,700
Collected: \$25,658.33
Committed: \$35,505
Parish participation
91 donors
60.62 % of Goal

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Senior Status Priests Receive Care

Your generous gift to the **2025 ACA** assists to provide our senior priests with a secure retirement, including adequate health insurance, prescriptions, dental and vision care. Additionally, our contributions help assure that all the priests who serve in faith, with hope and through love will be appropriately cared for as they move into their senior status years (retirement).

Give in gratitude for our senior priests who have been chosen to live a life of ordained service

Parish Goal: \$58,700
Together we care for all that has been entrusted to us by God



2025-2026

UPCOMING EVENTS



January 2-3	Youth Ministry Retreat (Fairmont)
January 23-25	Ski Retreat (Whitefish)
February 1-4	NFCYM Exchange Conference (Louisville)
February 6-8	CYC Board #4 (Butte)
March 20-22	Eucharistic Congress (Carroll College)
July 7-12	Justice Outreach Project (Browning)



Patrick Walsh Kelly Legendary Lodge Scholarship Announcement

Our Lady of the Valley is pleased to announce a number of scholarships through the Patrick Walsh Kelly endowment fund and the generosity of OLV Parishioners.

Aims – The principal aim is to aid those campers from 5th grade through 12th grade in need of registration fees for the 2025 camp year.

Scholarship Award Amount – The scholarship recipients will receive a code that will cover the registration fee. This amount will cover camp if done prior to February 1. Late fees will not be covered.

Basis of Award – The camper must be a registered Our Lady of the Valley parishioner and have need of the scholarship.

How To Apply – Pick up an application at the back of the church. Send or drop off application to Our Lady of the Valley, 1502 Shirley Rd, Helena, MT 59602.

Deadline is **December 15, 2025**.

For More Information- Call Lisa at the office: 406-458-6114

Enroll January 5th at noon!



2026 Summer Camp Season CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 14-19	Junior High #1	July 12-17	High School #2
June 21-26	High School #1	July 19-24	Junior High #2
July 5-10	5/6th Grade Boys	July 26-31	5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5th**. Opens for all other registrants Jan 9th.



**Join us for
Family Camp!**
June 28-30
**Registrations open
March 2nd, 2026**

Camp Rates

Early Bird
(Register before Jan 25th)
\$425
Standard Rate:
\$450

Symbols of the Advent Wreath

Circular shape

Reminds us that God has no beginning and no end. He is one and eternal.

Pink candle

Lit on Gaudete Sunday, it symbolizes joy as we approach the birth of Jesus.

4 candles

The 4 Sundays of Advent. When we light each one we are reminded that the light of Jesus is coming into the world.

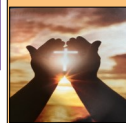
Green branches

Green symbolizes hope and life. It reminds us that Christ lives among us.

OLV Registered population

AGE RANGE	COUNT
0-10	178
11-20	110
21-30	15
31-40	62
41-50	81
51-60	69
61-70	120
71-80	154
81-90	50
91-103	4

Catholic Journey Experience: All are welcome!



This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

Women's weekend held at **St Cyril and Methodius: January 15-18th**
Contact : helenacatholicjourney@gmail.com

Men's weekend held at **St Cyril & Methodius: February 12-15, 2026**
Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday: February 18th MASS TBD

Chili Feed: February 22nd at 5:15 pm at OLV

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

DECEMBER
7th

SUN 11 AM

SUN 4 PM

Lectors: Volunteer needed
Elizabeth Barry

EMs: 1. Deacon Steve Barry 1. Deacon Steve Barry
2. Laura Barry 2. Dave Galt
3. Teri Flemming 3. Vicky Galt
4. Emily Frazier 4. Mark Deegan
5. Paulette Adams 5. Deb Jones

new**** 6. Cassandra Jimenez
new**** 7. Teresa Sing

Greeters: Pam Buzalsky Micki Bennett
Altar Servers: Charlotte Barry Allyne Ochs
Rose Hammen-Heaton Joey Ochs

DECEMBER
14th

SUN 11 AM

SUN 4 PM

Lectors: Dennis O'Reilly Irene Strauss
Aurora Sebestyen Jeanne Saarinen

EMs: 1. Deacon Steve Barry 1. Karolyne Redding
2. JoAnne Canney 2. Larry Thomas
3. Peggy Pillman 3. Justin Lutgen
4. Linda Juvik 4. Mary Lutgen
5. Shirley Timmerman 5. Volunteer needed
6. Kelly Bond
7. Tessa McGree

Greeters: Lori Mayernik Jere & Kay Hoy
Altar Servers: Owen Molm Beth Lutgen
Joey Ochs Natalie Lutgen

A Learn and Grow Opportunity for the New Year!

How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? In this age of quick reactions, harsh divisions, and emotional burnout, how should we talk to our neighbors, confront injustice, tend to our own grief, and tell the truth when it is easier to stay silent? In "The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage", Richard Rohr turns to the writings of Jewish Prophets in the Old Testament. The Prophets' journeys from anger to sadness to compassion and hope offer us a path forward today.

Father Dan Shea and Charlotte Neill invite you to join a discussion of "The Tears of Things" and explore our shared human condition and the world's suffering. The goal is not to escape our age of outrage, but to fully enter it with grace and love.

January 13—February 19, 2026 (Six Weeks)
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM OR
Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 PM

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Great Room
3580 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT

Contact Father Dan Shea 406-422-6674 or
Charlotte Neill 651-587-8083 for questions.

Pre-registration is not required.
Check online sources for the book.

The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before... So stay.

Sit.
Linger.
Tarry.
Ponder.
Wait.
Behold.
Wonder.
There will be time enough for running."
—Jan L. Richardson, artist



Liam Aippersbach, and Mason Yochum

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

Carter Anderson,
Shae Bills,
Carson Gorton,
Riley Helgoe,
Matthew Keck,
Deacon Kaleb Mitchell,
Anthony Olmes,
Brett Rotz, James Semling,
Jamie Severson, and
Jake Smith,
Ryan Frampton,
Liam Aippersbach, and Mason Yochum



Warm Hearts

2 Ways to Donate
Place your gift in our donation boxes.
Online orders through our Amazon Gift Registry.

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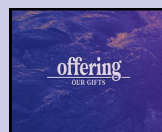
 Amazon.com Gift Registry

2026 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your **2026 envelopes** on the counter

By the office in the Gathering Space!
If you have not used envelopes before
and would like to start,
Please call the parish office at 406-458-6114.

Our Parish Stewardship Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering



	2025	\$ 210,016
	2024	\$ 203,539
<u>Income Streams</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Week 22 offering	2025	\$ 6,324
	2024	\$ 9,177
ACH (NOV)	2025	\$ 9,516
	2024	\$ 10,546
On-line Giving (NOV)	2025	\$ 3,314
	2024	\$ 2,389
Rectory (NOV)	2025	\$ 1,500
	2024	\$ 0

To donate through Give Central
use the QR code
Questions? Call the Parish Office **406-458-6114**



Holy Day of Obligation: December 8th

The
Immaculate Conception
has always
been
maintained as a
holyday of
obligation in
the United
States.
This feast has
particular
importance in
our country,
since the
United States
was
historically
dedicated to
Our Lady under
that title.