

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

Office Hours: 10 am — 3 pm
Monday-Friday

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406-458-6114

406-458-8179

E-mail: olvoffice@olvmt.org

Web Page: www.olvmt.org

Mass Schedule

Wednesday

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Thursday

Christmas Day

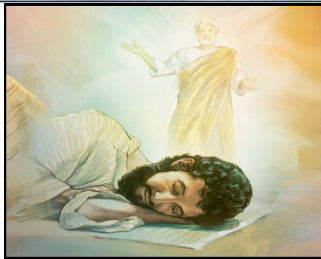
9:00 am

Sunday

Mass at 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Thursday January 1st

9:00 Mary, Mother of God Mass



they shall
name him
Emmanuel

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,

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)



Out of
Egypt
I called
my son

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 21st Readings**

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10—14

The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!"

Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign:

"The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1—7

Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Christ Jesus. He said to them,

"We have received the grace of apostleship" that we may spread the name and bring to faith all those called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18—24

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
December 28th Readings**

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2—6, 12—14

People who revere their father will live a long life; they who obey their father bring comfort to their mother. Kindness to a parent will take lasting root.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12—21

The church at Colossae heard, "Put on ... heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Bear with one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.

The author wrote, be thankful, and "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Gospel: Matthew 2:13—15, 19—23

Joseph was told in a dream to take the child and his mother to Egypt. In that way the prophecy would be fulfilled: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When they returned, they settled in Nazareth to fulfill another prophecy:

"He shall be called a Nazorean."

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE December 21— January 4, 2026

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

Sunday 21st	11:00 am Live Stream Mass † for Herb & Judy Hazen
	4:00 pm Mass † for the people
Wednesday 24th	OFFICE CLOSED
	4:00 pm Live Stream Christmas Vigil Mass
	7:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass † for Mike Morrison
Thursday 25th	OFFICE CLOSED
	9:00 am Christmas Mass
Friday 26th	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday 28th	11:00 am Live Stream Mass † for Terry Street
	4:00 pm Mass † for the people
Wednesday 31st	5:30 pm Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 1st	OFFICE CLOSED
	9:00 am Mary, Mother of God Mass at OLV
Sunday 4th	9:45 am PreK-5th grade RE FFA
	11:00 am Live Stream Mass † for Loa Giacomini
	12:15 pm Baptism Preparation Class CR
	4:00 pm Mass † for the people

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



For unto us a Savior is Born.
Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!

Merry Christmas!

—Fr. Tim and the OLV staff

BAPTISM PREPARATION

class for parents

Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 12:15 pm in
the Conference Room

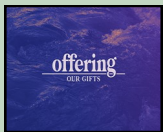
Please call the Parish Office to sign up.
406-458-6114

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

2025 \$ 223,425
2024 \$ 224,040

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 24 offering	2025	\$ 6,424
	2024	\$ 11,297
ACH (NOV)	2025	\$ 9,516
	2024	\$ 10,546
On-line Giving (NOV)	2025	\$ 3,314
	2024	\$ 2,389
Rectory (DEC)	2025	\$ 1,500
	2024	\$ 0



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



Email prayer requests to Jeaneen at jeaneen1966@gmail.com

Christmas Schedules in Helena Area

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Mary, Mother of God
Our Lady of the Valley	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	9:00 am	January 1st 9:00 am
St Mary Catholic Community	4:30 pm 9:00 pm	9:00 am	December 31st 5:30 pm
SS Cyril & Methodius	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	9:00 am	December 31st 4:30 pm January 1st 10:15 am
Cathedral	5:00 pm 9:00 pm 12:00 am	10:00 am	January 1st 10:00 am



Received from Diocese
\$12,304

Total received so far from Diocese \$117,658

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.



This renewable generation Project received funding through the NorthWestern Energy As of Wednesday, December 19th at 9:30 am OLV has produced 44.8 MWh of energy worth \$6,467 CO2 Emission Saved 69,496 lb. Miles driven on Sunshine 78,790

HABEMUS PAPAM



"Upon this Rock"
-MATT 16:18

Progress as of 12/16/2025

Our goal of \$58,700
Collected: \$32,143.33
Committed: \$39,115
Parish participation
104 donors
66.78% of Goal

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2025 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

PROTECTING ALL WE HOLD DEAR THROUGH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

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



Warm Hearts

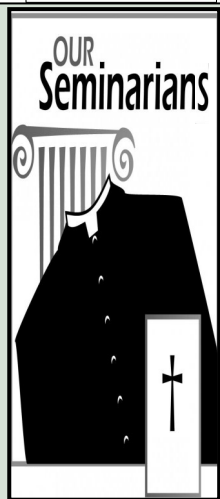
2 Ways to Donate
Place your gift in our donation boxes.
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Please remember our seminarians, and to pray for more priestly vocations!

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



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

Job Opportunity

Saint Mary Catholic Community is seeking a qualified Parish Administrator to provide support for the day-to-day general operation and management of the parish. The Parish Administrator will direct ministries of worship, education and formation, human and social justice concerns, finance and budget, human resources and administration. The Parish Administrator works in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Pastor, and in cooperation with other parish leadership to motivate, enable, and affirm the parish community in its efforts. The Parish Administrator supports the vision and mission of Saint Mary Catholic Community.

Candidates must be an active participant in the work of the Catholic Church, a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and be able to partake in the sacramental life of the Church. An advanced degree (Bachelor's or Master's) in Business Administration/Management or equivalent education/experience is requested. A degree in Pastoral Ministry is preferred. Three years' experience in administration of an organization or program is desired.

This is a fulltime, salaried position, with benefits. Annual salary range is \$60,000 - \$63,500, depending on experience.

For a complete job description and list of qualifications for the position, please see our website at www.stmaryhelena.org.

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and three professional references to jhaddon@stmaryhelena.org. This position will remain open until filled.

Catholic Journey Experience: All are welcome!

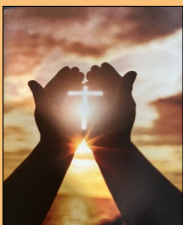
This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

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

Lectors: Bill Kearney
Erin Bley

EMs: 1. Mary Vogl
2. Al Williams
3. Kathie Williams
4. Terri Temple
5. Teresa Sing
6. Volunteer needed
7. Volunteer needed

Greeters: Mike Casey
Altar Servers: Ireland Bley
Savannah Clark

Phil Quinn
Rhonda Malecha

1. Mark Deegan
2. Sue Hallsten
3. John Hallsten
4. Dan Gengler
5. Volunteer needed

Sheila Hill
Eddie Quinn
Sully Quinn

DECEMBER 28th **SUN 11 AM** **SUN 4 PM**

Lectors: Deidre Casey
Marianne Hamel

EMs: 1. Tessa McGree
2. JoAnne Canney
3. Paul Tschida
4. Teri Flemming
5. Emily Frazier
6. Kelly Bond
7. Volunteer needed

Greeters: Mike & Betty Evans
Altar Servers: Isaac Casey
Gwen Tooke

Trish Bartz
Ed Beall

1. Karolyne Redding
2. Deb Jones
3. Larry Thomas
4. Sue Hallsten
5. John Hallsten

Volunteer needed
Sully Quinn
Volunteer welcome

JANUARY 4th **SUN 11 AM** **SUN 4 PM**

Lectors: Judy Palmquist
Dennis Mayernik

EMs: 1. Mary Vogl
2. Linda Juvik
3. Shirley Timmerman
4. Terri Temple
5. Peggy Pillman
6. Volunteer needed
7. Volunteer needed

Greeters: Norm & JoAnne Canney
Altar Servers: Ireland Bley
Savannah Clark

Jonna Brenton
Mary Dolan

1. Deb Jones
2. Justin Lutgen
3. Mary Lutgen
4. Mark Deegan
5. Micki Bennett

Jere & Kay Hoy
Eddie Quinn
Volunteer welcome

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

MARCH 20-22, 2026

CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

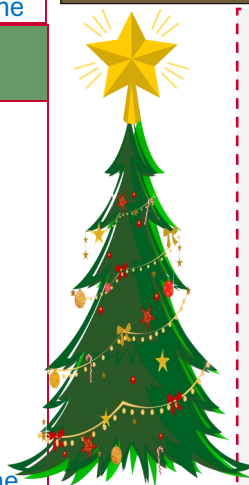
FEATURING:

HIS EMINENCE
CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

BISHOP **MOTHER** **TIM**
Austin A. Vetter Mary Clare, ACJ O'Malley, Ph.D.



Early Registration Opens January 1, 2026
DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCCHARISTICCONGRESS



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.



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

HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT

WHITEFISH, MT

JANUARY 23-25, 2026

We invite high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult chaperones to join us in a fun weekend of skiing, faith, and fellowship!

Location:

Whitefish, MT - We will stay at St. Charles Borromeo Parish and ski at Whitefish Mountain.

Cost:

\$50, plus cost of lift ticket, ski rentals, etc.

REGISTRATION AND INFO AT

diocesehelena.org/skiretreat



The tax year is coming to a close. **December 31st, 2025** is the last day to receive charitable credit for your taxes.





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News from the Hilltop

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP AND CO-PRESIDENT

Greetings to you! I have the joy of serving not only as your Bishop but also as Interim Co-President of Carroll College. I want to personally invite you to explore Carroll — discover our community, see what we have to offer, and prayerfully consider whether this could be the right place for you. There are numerous scholarship opportunities available to help make your college education more accessible and affordable. As you are looking for colleges, keep Carroll in mind! Know of my continued prayers for you, and please keep me in yours.

In Christ, I am

Bishop Austin Vetter



Bishop Austin Vetter

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND CYC CONVENTION

Carroll College is excited to welcome you to campus for the Eucharistic Congress and CYC Convention March 20-22, 2026! We will be offering campus tours during the event if you would like to learn more about Carroll.

FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE VISIT DAY: CATHOLIC VISIT DAY

Join us on Friday March 20, 2026, for our visit day specifically offered for students wanting to learn more about the Catholic mission and faith community on campus. You can also schedule an individual visit on our website at carroll.edu/visit.

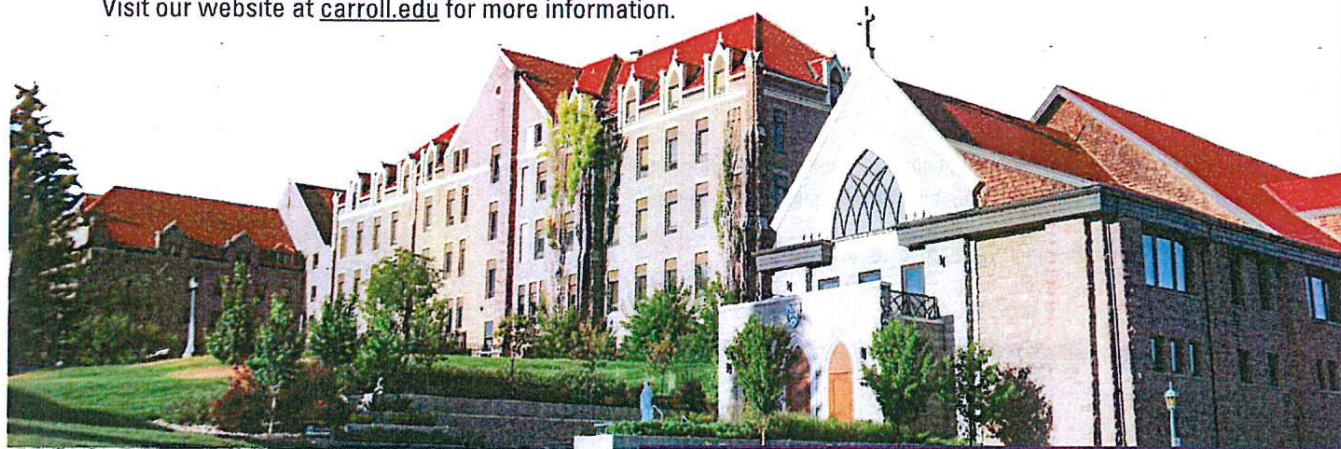
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARISH STUDENTS

Carroll College is pleased to offer a Parish Scholarship to a prospective student from your parish. This \$1,000 scholarship for 2026-2027 is funded by Carroll but your parish chooses the recipient. Your parish is asked to submit a letter or letters of recommendation by April 15. For questions, email fao@carroll.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES

For 2026 graduates of Catholic high schools that apply and are accepted to Carroll by May 1, the Catholic Room Grant provides approximately 50 percent off the cost of housing for freshman year. For more information, email fao@carroll.edu.

Visit our website at carroll.edu for more information.





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Catholic Room Grant

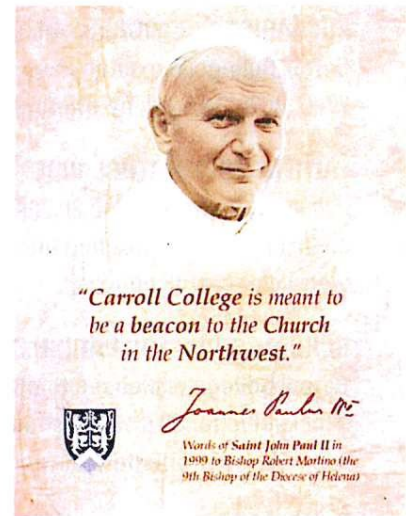
As a Catholic, diocesan college, Carroll College believes in the value of Catholic education at all levels. We are so grateful to those who make the sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools.

To demonstrate our appreciation, and thanks to the generosity of Carroll donors, the College is blessed to offer a Catholic High School Room Grant to eligible graduates of Catholic high schools throughout the United States as part of our commitment to the shared enterprise of Catholic education.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

As an eligible graduate of a Catholic high school, you can receive up to 50% off the cost of a double room rate (Guadalupe, Borromeo, or St. Charles Hall), which is on top of your already generous financial aid package.

- This four-year award is available for first-time freshmen only.
- Full-time enrollment.
- Only Guadalupe Hall, St. Charles Hall and Borromeo Hall qualify. Students who choose to live in other residence halls (example: Trinity, Apartments) forego the opportunity to receive this award.
- 50% off the cost of a double room occupancy (if a student chooses a single room in Guadalupe, St. Charles, or Borromeo they will pay the difference); one room grant per student.
- Study abroad students (exchange or affiliate) and tuition remission/exchange students do not qualify.
- Submit FAFSA by March 1 and receive an SAI below our cost of attendance.
- A transcript from an approved Catholic High School (part of a completed application); home school students do not qualify.
- Athletic aid is not stackable unless Junior Varsity aid.
- Remain in good academic standing at the College (2.00 cumulative GPA/SAP).
- Students will be notified of their grant award in their initial or revised aid offer.



An eligible graduate of a Catholic school is understood as one which is recognized by a competent ecclesiastical authority, keeping with the definition of a Catholic school in the Code of Canon Law (Can. 803 §1).

APPLY

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→ carroll.edu/apply

