

TWO-WEEK BULLETIN



Mass Schedule

Wednesday

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

Sunday

11:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass



UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 12th Welcome
Father Cody Williams
*Coffee and donuts
after the masses*

August 3rd-7th:
Vacation Bible School

August 23rd:
Community Picnic
"Faith in the Field"
on North Montana property

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5th Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9—10

The prophet foretold the coming of the savior and king who would proclaim peace to all the nations of the earth.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11—13

Paul wrote that the Spirit of God lives in all who are Christ's. They should live not according to the flesh but in God's Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25—30

Jesus invited the people, saying "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10—11

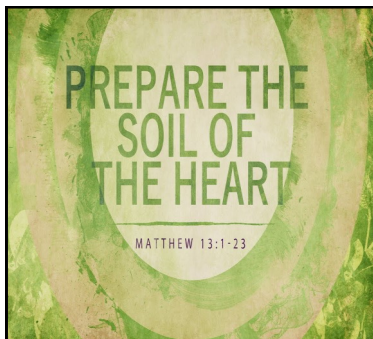
Just as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God's will and accomplish God's purpose.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18—23

Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God's children. The world will be set free and take part in the wondrous freedom of God's children.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1—23

Jesus told the parable of the sower. When disciples questioned him about it, he explained how those who hear the word and understand it will bear fruit and yield a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.



*The parable
of the sower*

16th Sunday in Ordinary ~ July 19th Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16—19, Romans 8:26—27, Matthew 13:24—43

July 5 & 12, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley
1502 Shirley Road
Helena, MT 59602

Parish Office: 406-458-6114

E-mail: olvoffice@olvmt.org

Website: www.olvmt.org

My parish App



Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor

Deacon Steve Barry, (Senior status)

Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior status)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday
10 am – 3 pm

Parish Office Staff

Office Manager: Kelly Bond

Bookkeeper: Lisa Richard

Maintenance/Custodial:

Lee Baerlocher

Youth Ministry

PreK-6th grade

Becky Tooke 406-461-2995

7th grade through 12th grade

David Casey 406-443-4750

Music Ministry

Rebecca Kagerer

Liturgical Ministers Coordinator

Dennis Mayernik

OCIA Leaders

Dennis O'Reilly 406-266-1181

Carleen Layne 406-594-6489

Finance Council Members:

Bob Bennett, Ann Glueckert,

Jim McKeon, Mary Ellen Morrison,

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

Offered: January, April, July, & October
(contact Parish Office)

Marriage Preparation

6 months' notice required
(contact Parish Office)

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.



Email prayer requests to Jeanne
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE July 5 — July 19, 2026

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

- Sunday 5th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for the people*
6:00 pm Mass
- Wednesday 8th 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at St Ann's Cemetery
6:00 pm Mass
- Thursday 9th 8:00 am Soul Core FFA
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting CR
- Sunday 12th **Welcome Father Cody! Coffee and donuts after the masses**
11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for Betty Smith*
6:00 pm Mass † for the people
- Wednesday 15th 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at SS Cyril
6:00 pm Mass
- Thursday 16th 8:00 am Soul Core FFA
- Sunday 19th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for Alan Williams*
6:00 pm Mass † for the people

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

To all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish:
Thank you so much for a wonderful year together! I have been very blessed to be a part of this community and honored to be the Administrator here. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, friendship, and support to me during this time! I deeply appreciate it. All of you are in good hands with Father Cody Williams moving forward. And be assured of my prayers for all of you, and please keep me in your prayers as I will be ministering to the Blackfeet nation. May the Lord bless and keep all of you in the palm of his hands!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Tim Moriarty



I am not sure of the origin of the Cross; where it was built and who built it. I do know that that Cross was the one in the sanctuary at **Immaculate Conception Church** in Deer Lodge as I celebrated my first Mass on the feast of Pentecost, June 8th, 2003.

And I know that the Cross was still in the Sanctuary as I celebrated my father's funeral in October of 2005 and my mother's in January of 2007.

The Cross was in the garage of Father Jack Murray's home in Deer Lodge for an uncertain amount of time. Father Jack died about three years ago after some 60 years of the priesthood. His parents and my parents were very close friends. **I now gift it to Our Lady of the Valley.**

Thanks for the Farewell party and all the cards and gifts!

July 12th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Pam O'Reilly, Dennis O'Reilly
EMs: Deacon Steve Barry, Laura Barry, Larry Matthews, Susan Matthews, Tessa McGree
Greeters: Dave & Mary Smith
Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

6:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Bob Bennett, Connie Bergum
EMs: Micki Bennett, Karolyne Redding, Dan Gengler
Greeters: Bob & Micki Bennett
Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

July 19th

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Judy Palmquist, Brady Benson
EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Paulette Adams, Al Williams, Kathie Williams, Paul Tschida
Greeters: Pam Buzalsky
Altar Servers: Volunteer welcome

6:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Phil Quinn, Don Pratt
EMs: Dave Galt, Vicky Galt, Mark Deegan
Greeters: Sheila Hill
Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn, Huck Quinn

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

2026 \$ 494,953

2025 \$ 496,559

Offering down by \$ 1,606

<u>Income Streams</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Week 52 offering	2026	\$ 4,589
	2025	\$ 3,884
Week 51 offering	2026	\$ 4,976
	2025	\$ 2,938
ACH (June)	2026	\$ 9,440
	2025	\$ 9,851
On-line Giving (June)	2026	\$ 4,237
	2025	\$ 3,009
Rectory (June)	2026	\$ 1,500
	2025	\$ 0

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



This renewable generation Project received funding through the **NorthWestern Energy As of Thursday, July 2nd at 10:45 am OLV has produced 61.4 MWh of energy CO2 Emission Saved 95.2k lb. Miles driven on Sunshine 108k**



IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT

Presented by Teresa Chabot

July 30th — August 2, 2026

The Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center
21592 Sycamore Tree Lane, Swan Lake, MT

www.sycamoretreeretreat.org

Cost: \$395

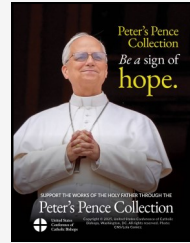
3 nights lodging (1 person) @ \$100/night = \$300

Conference fee \$75 / meals \$20

Includes three meals and a book

Scholarship may be available

For more information or to register, please email Michelle Jenkins at email@sycamoretreeretreat.org or call (406)754-2429



Thank you for
your generous support in the
Peter's Pence Collection!

As a parish we collected **\$170**

Our contributions join those
from our brothers and sisters
worldwide to help

Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to
the Universal Church,

including relief to people in need and support for
the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is
not too late to give.

Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence



Stuff the Bus!

2026...



We need your help this summer!

*Instead of school supplies, Angel Fund
will be giving monetary grant assistance to schools
in the Helena area to purchase school supplies.
Donations for students in need are even more
important than ever. Our goal is to help 1,400 kids.*

**Giving
runs
through
August 1st**

You can **NOW** donate online for Stuff the Bus
school supplies this fall:

- Donate online at www.angelfundhelena.org
- By Mail: PO BOX 7436, Helena, MT 59604

**Don't let your
mental health
slow you down!**



You are not alone. We're here for you.

Your mental health affects your spirituality, vocations,
relationships, and all parts of your life. Take care of it!

- ✓ Our therapists are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of your therapy, although it is not required.
- ✓ You can meet with a therapist in-person or online.
- ✓ Therapists specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, and marriage/family.
- ✓ Therapy is completely confidential. We'll walk with you on your journey to achieve your goals.
- ✓ Your consultation is free. Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, some EAP, and private pay (discounts are available) are accepted for additional sessions.



To get started:

Call us at (406)442-4130 or
Message us at cssmt.org.

FOOD SHARE—Kids need us all year!

The "Wish List" food and other items

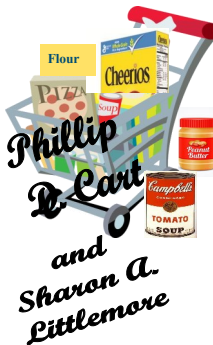
- canned soups
- canned meals like
- canned tuna
- Spaghettios
- peanut butter
- chili
- flour
- lasagna

ALWAYS NEEDED for Kid Packs

- Easy Mac cups
- pudding cups
- shelf stable milk
- cereal
- Kamut
- oatmeal
- Low sugar:
- juice boxes
- fruit cups
- granola bars
- nut butters

WISH LIST—

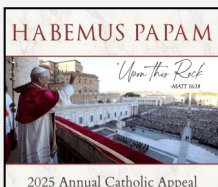
- ♦Clorox wipes
 - ♦Tall kitchen garbage bags
- If you can help with
Wish List items please
Call Liz 406-443-3663
x104
for details



Thank you from the bottom of my cart!

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

Carter Anderson, Shae Bills,
Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe,
Matthew Keck, Anthony Olmes,
Nathan Olmes, James Semling,
Jamie Severson, Jake Smith,
Ryan Frampton, Liam Aippersbach,
Mason Yochum



Progress as of 7/2/2026

Our goal of \$58,700

Collected: \$60,238.31 103% of goal

Committed: \$62,760 107% of goal

Parish participation

237 Contributions

33% participation

Pope's Intention for July For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of
human life in all stages, recognizing it
as a gift from God.



FAITH IN THE FIELD

A Community BBQ & Picnic

Come share a meal and a vision
for serving the valley

 **AUGUST 23**

 **12:15 PM**

 **7330 N MONTANA**
(not at the church)

-  Food
-  Fellowship
-  Family Activities
-  Prayer for Our Community

 **Hosted by Our Lady of the Valley**

This gathering is more than our parish picnic. It is an opportunity to bring the wider community together, strengthen relationships, and share a hopeful vision for what we can build together.

By hosting the event at our North Montana property, we can help people experience the space not simply as land, but as a potential home for future growth, service, and community life.

Several of you imagined this possibility years ago. Now is the time to reawaken that vision and **invite others** to stand behind it. With shared commitment and support, this event can become a meaningful step toward the future of our parish and the broader community.

This is not a decision to build a church today; it is an invitation to imagine what God may make possible tomorrow.

Come to **Faith in the Field** with open hearts, renewed hope, and a shared willingness to see where this vision may lead.



Saint Mary Catholic Community, SMCC is hiring
A **Director of Pastoral Care** to support the operations of SMCC.
This position serves the parish by overseeing and coordinating ministries that provide spiritual, emotional, and physical care to individuals and families.

This is a 32-hour per week Salary position with benefits
For complete job description, please see our website

<https://www.stmaryhelena.org>

Saint Mary Catholic Community, SMCC is hiring
an **Administrative Assistant/ Communications Coordinator**

This is a 32-hour per week Hourly position with benefits

For complete job description, please see our website
<https://www.stmaryhelena.org>

Vacation Bible School

To Register →

www.vbspro.events/p/56d78b



2026 VBS

When: August 3—7

Time:

8:00 am to 11:30 am

Cost:

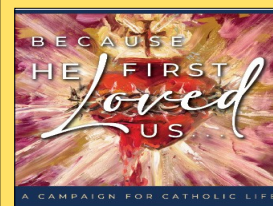
Individual: \$30 Family: \$60

To pay →



We need supplies!

Take a leaf off the display in the overflow space and bring that item back. You can place item in a tote by the display.



Received from
Diocese **\$9,140**
Total received
so far from
Diocese **\$134,284**



www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1406/event/40477



Carroll College

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News from the Hilltop

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP

It has been an honor to serve as Co-President of Carroll College this past year. While I have been closely connected to Carroll since becoming Bishop, this opportunity allowed me to engage with the college in an entirely new and special way. Over the past year, I have had the joy of getting to know more of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators and to witness firsthand the incredible work taking place across campus. I leave this role even more convinced of the strength of Carroll's mission and the extraordinary people who carry it forward each day. I am also incredibly confident about Carroll's future. Dr. Jennifer Glowienka has demonstrated exceptional leadership, deep commitment to our mission, and a genuine love for this institution and its people. As she becomes Carroll's 20th president, I truly believe the college is in very good hands. Her vision, wisdom, and dedication will serve Carroll well in the years ahead. Though the Co-Presidency is coming to an end, my commitment to Carroll remains unchanged. I will continue serving as Chancellor, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a partner in advancing the college's mission and Catholic identity. Thank you for your support, your friendship, and your prayers throughout this year. Please know that you remain in mine!



Bishop Austin Vetter

In Christ, I am

Bishop Austin Vetter

OUR 2027 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

We've made it easier than ever to apply. We've simplified and accelerated our process to make applying and receiving financial aid faster, clearer, and more accessible.

We welcome students who are ready to grow, explore, and lead. Guided by our Catholic mission, we are creating new pathways to a Carroll education while maintaining the academic rigor and personal attention that define who we are.



APPLY AT:

carroll.edu/apply

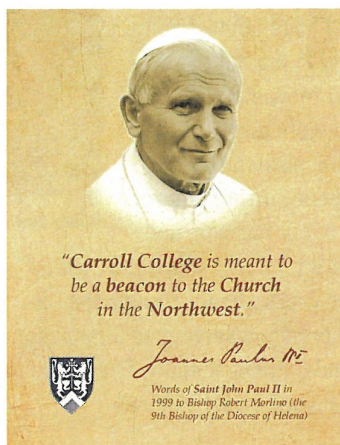


FREE MACBOOK NEO LAPTOP FOR FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADS

Carroll College has received a transformative philanthropic commitment from Helena's Shelly Goldberg and Ryan McCauley that will provide every incoming full-time, first-year undergraduate student with a free MacBook Neo laptop, beginning with the Fall 2026 class. The *Saints Smart Start Initiative* is intended to support future incoming classes in the years ahead. Learn more at carroll.edu/neo.



In Other News...



ROME PILGRIMAGE

In May, 34 Carroll students and staff, led by Fr. Tyler Frohlich and Fr. Marc Lenneman, embarked on a two-week pilgrimage through Rome and Assisi in the footsteps of the Saints. The group found faith, growth, connection, and lifelong memories throughout their journey.

MEDICINE IN MEXICO

In January, Carroll faculty, healthcare providers, and students returned safely from another successful Medicine in Mexico outreach trip. The group was hosted at Santa María del Mexicano in Colón, Querétaro, Mexico, and provided comprehensive medical wellness exams, including optical and dental screenings, for students, faculty, staff, and religious members of the mission. carroll.edu/mim

CARITAS SERVICE TRIPS

During spring break, Carroll Campus Ministry led students on annual Caritas service immersion trips to Browning, MT, and Chicago. Students served in schools, food pantries, after-school programs, and community outreach ministries while building relationships and growing in faith. A long-standing Carroll tradition, the trips offer meaningful opportunities for service, reflection, and solidarity. carroll.edu/caritas26



STUDENT RESEARCH FESTIVAL

On April 24, Carroll held its annual Student Research Festival (SRF). This is an incredible academic event celebrating the new knowledge Carroll students are contributing to the world through student-faculty collaborative research. Learn more at carroll.edu/srf.

CARROLL THEATRE: A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

In April, Carroll's theatre department invited the Helena community to its Spring 2026 Theatre for Young Audiences production, A Year with Frog and Toad. School-age children from around the area packed our sold-out FLEX Theatre to enjoy a whimsical show following two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. The show concluded a successful 2025-26 year – learn more at carroll.edu/theatre.

