

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



O you
of little faith,
why did you
doubt?

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2nd Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1—3

The LORD invites all who are thirsty to "Come to the water!" God asks the people to take heed, that they may drink wine and milk, eat well, and delight in the rich fare of the everlasting covenant.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37—39

Nothing, not even death, can separate the faithful from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13—21

Huge crowds followed Jesus. He felt compassion for them and healed the sick. He saw that they were hungry and, rather than send them away empty, he gave them bread and fish in abundance

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9th Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11—13

Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he heard the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1—5

Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israelites, from whom came the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22—33

Jesus walked on the water, he called to Peter in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink. Then Jesus stretched out his hand to save Peter.



His faith
faltered and he
began to sink

20th Sunday in Ordinary ~ August 16th Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6—7, Romans 11:13—15, 29—32, Matthew 15:21—28

August 2 & 9, 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)

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**
jeanne1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE August 2nd — August 16, 2026

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

- Sunday 2nd 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass*
6:00 pm Mass † *for the people*
VBS Monday — Friday 8:30 am until 11:30 am
- Wednesday 5th 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions
5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at All Saints Chapel*
6:00 pm Mass † *for Laura Barry*
- Sunday 9th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for Alan Williams*
6:00 pm Mass † *for the people*
- Wednesday 12th 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions
5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at Resurrection Cemetery*
6:00 pm Mass
- Thursday 13th 8:00 am Soul Core FFA
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting CR
- Sunday 16th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for Jamison and Savanah Hermanson*
6:00 pm Mass † *for the people*

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

August 9th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass
Lectors: Elizabeth Barry, Tammy Stefanik
EMs: Deacon Steve Barry, Peggy Pillman, Al Williams, Kathie Williams, JoAnne Canney
Greeters: Norm & JoAnne Canney
Altar Servers: Charlotte Barry, Cooper Barry

6:00 pm Mass
Lectors: Rich Wirak, Mary Dolan
EMs: Dan Gengler, Dave Galt, Vicky Galt
Greeters: Jere & Kay Hoy
Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

August 16th

11:00 am Mass
Lectors: Erin Bley, Pat Verzani
EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Larry Matthews, Susan Matthews, Paul Tschida, Paulette Adams
Greeters: LuAnne Gustafson
Altar Servers: Volunteers needed

6:00 pm Mass
Lectors: Don Pratt, Irene Strauss
EMs: John Hallsten, Sue Hallsten, Justin Lutgen
Greeters: Mary Lutgen
Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

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

Parish Registration and Information Update

Register or Update Your Information

You can use this QR code
to easily register at our parish.

Also, you may use the same QR code
to update your existing information.



<https://life.onecamino.com/public/home>

OLV NEWS

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

2027 \$ 17,756

2026 \$ 13,142

Offering up by \$ 4,614

<u>Income Streams</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Week 4 offering	2027	\$ 3,370
	2026	\$ 2,204
Week 3 offering	2027	\$ 4,138
	2026	\$ 2,146

Monthly Accumulative for July

Building	\$ 470
Rent	\$ 1,900
Stipends	\$ 300
VBS	\$ 60
Helping Hands	\$ 10
Peter's Pence	\$ 200

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**

CAMINO LIFE

solar edge

Fr. Cody's column

Prayer part 2: Standardized Prayers

We have many forms of prayer within our tradition. Yet, the most widely known form of prayers are our standardized prayers like the Our Father and the Rosary. These prayers carry immense weight even though some people scoff at the idea of standardized prayers that you can memorize. The Our Father is the only prayer that Jesus gave us and told us to pray. This small prayer of only seven petitions encompasses everything we need to pray for. Pope Francis, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, encouraged us to slowly and carefully pray through this prayer so that we can dive deeper into its meaning.

The Hail Mary, and in extension the Rosary, came much later as ways to incorporate the life of Christ into our daily lives without the need of extensive learning or education. The Hail Mary as a prayer contains several lines from Scripture followed by a petition requesting Mary's aid. The Rosary itself encourages the person to reflect on the most important aspects of Jesus' life and ministry as a way of growing closer to him.

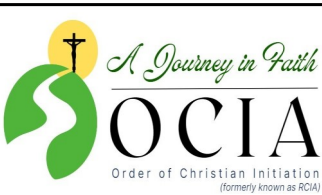
What is the value of standardized prayers? As a person who comes to the bedside of those who are dying, I am always amazed how often people who are on the verge of death can still remember prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary. Having prayed these prayers so often throughout our lives, we still remember them when our memories and bodies fail. But that isn't the real value of these prayers. How often do you try to pray to God and just don't know what to say? Or maybe we are in a rough patch, some horrible things have happened, and words and ideas are just gone from our heads. What's left? The standardized prayers. These prayers help us to pray when our minds are shot, life is challenging, or we are at a loss for words. Because of these prayers, we can always find the words to pray and a way to connect with God.

Another important aspect of these prayers is that they are not our words. We didn't choose the words, the language, or the structure. Instead, these prayers were given to us. Since they are not our words, in order to grasp and appreciate their meaning, we need to take time to reflect on them, to mull over the words, to ponder their themes, and to listen to God speak to us through these prayers.

Jesus gave us the perfect prayer – The Our Father – how often do we take time to listen to this prayer?

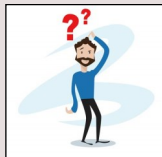
The final aspect of standardized prayers is that they bring people together. When we pray the Our Father during the Mass, everyone knows it. When we get together with other Christian churches, we have one prayer in common. These prayers link us together, help us to pray together, and allow us the freedom to pray without having to teach new prayers.

Fr. Cody



*Are you
interested in
becoming
Catholic?*

Do you need to
complete a
sacrament?



Are you Catholic and
want to deepen your Catholic faith?

Contact the parish office
406-458-6114



FOOD SHARE—Kids need us all year!

The "Wish List" food and other items

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

ALWAYS NEEDED for Kid Packs

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

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!

Did you know that we have Catholic Relevant Radio in Montana?

Helena you can listen to **KNEH** at 97.3FM. You can also listen on the Relevant Radio phone app, the My Parish App just click the microphone, or on our website at www.kneh.org.



Help guide young hearts as they discover our Catholic faith.

Serve as a teacher or substitute for the **2026-2027 RE year** and inspire the next generation.

VIRTUS training is simple and online—step forward and make a difference.



Call Becky Tooke 406-461-2995

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.

I GIVE ONLINE cards are available next to the Gift Table for those who give online, by **ACH or on Give Central.**

Place the card in the basket as you would for a monetary donation.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you know of a parish family member or friend who is homebound or hospitalized and would like to receive Communion, please call the Parish office at 406-458-6114.

I was sick and you visited me. — Matthew 25:36

Our Lady of the Rockies Pilgrimage **August 14, 2026**

Mass at St Ann's Church at **8:30 am**

Meet at the Gift Shop, 1707 Continental Dr, Butte at **9:00 am**

Tickets: **Adult \$30.00**, includes bus fare and lunch

Call 406-782-1221 or ourladyoftherockies.org to register

Catholic Documentary Premiere

With the hope of celebrating a life of service and inspiring increased vocations to the priesthood, local filmmakers Nick and Jenny Greil



have completed a documentary that tells the story of how Father Ed Kohler's vocation to the priesthood led him to find a home on the Blackfeet Reservation and evangelize the faith.

To show your support and watch for free, search

"**Life of Service - Father Ed Kohler**" or "**Cozy Garden Productions**" on YouTube and then visit Father Kohler's YouTube Channel, "**Paul Francis Ministry - Fr Ed Kohler.**"

[Life of Service - Father Ed Kohler](#)

Travel to Our

Guatemala Mission



**Fall 2026
October 1-8**

The Diocese of Helena invites adults (30+) to participate on a journey to the Mission, Clinic, and La Asuncion School in Guatemala. The cost is \$2,500 and includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation. Sign Up Now! Limited slots available.

Contact
Maggie Phelan:
406.389.7053
mphelan@dohmt.org



Information and Signup:
diocesehelena.org/guatemala



Pope's Intention for August For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcome August!

Faith in the Field: Volunteers Needed August 23, 2026 at 12:15 p.m.

Potluck

- Please bring a side dish.
- Adult volunteer needed to direct arriving dishes to the potluck area.

General Volunteer Support

- Floaters to help wherever needed.
- Volunteers to help with setup.
- Volunteers to help with tear down.

Kids' Activities

Adult support is needed for:

- Rock painting
- Coloring table
- Bouncy houses
- Other games

**Sign up sheet on the table
in the overflow space**



"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Did You Know:

Our Lady of the Valley is no exception to cheerful giving.

We give 6% of our regular offering to the following organizations. This is above and beyond Helping Hands, the Chili Feed, and the Advent Tea.

With your help, we hope to increase this to 10% in the years to come.

- Catholic Social Services
- De La Salle Blackfeet School
- Diocesan Guatemala Mission
- Family Promise
- Florence Crittenton
- God's Love
- Good Samaritan Ministries
- Options Clinic

Thank you!

HABEMUS PAPAM



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 7/30/2026

Our goal of \$58,700

Collected: \$61,642 105% of goal
Committed: \$63,520 109% of goal
253 Contributions

Thank you!



A Love Letter that Lasts

Join us this National Make-A-Will Month to protect your loved ones and make a lasting mark on the parishes and ministries close to your heart.

Make your free will
www.freewill.com/fdoh

FREEWILL



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena



St. Francis Xavier Church, Missoula Level 1 Formation

Part A Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026 -
Monday, Aug. 10, 2026

AND Friday, September 25, 2026 -
Monday, September 28, 2026

Part B - TBD

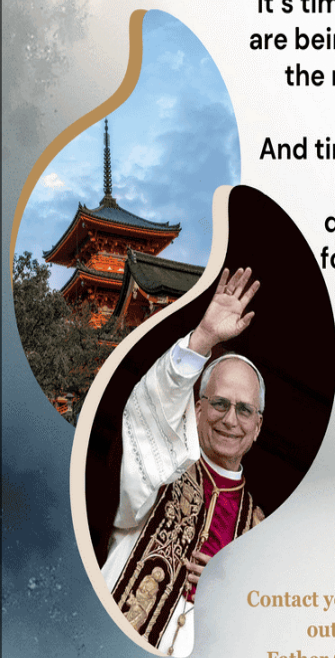
World Youth Day 2027



Seoul, South Korea
Montana WYD Pilgrims

It's time to discern whether you
are being called to be a Pilgrim to
the next World Youth Day!

And time to prepare our hearts,
get ready and
do some fundraising
for August 1-10, 2027!



Contact your Parish Youth Leader to find
out more by reaching out to
Father Cody Williams or Mandy Bell
to get your name on the list!

Contact: Father Cody Williams or Mandy Bell
FrCWilliams@HolyCrossMT.org MT.WorldYouthDay@gmail.com



Young Adult Retreat at Legendary Lodge



An overnight retreat to connect Catholics in their 20's and early 30's who are relatively new in their professional and spiritual vocations. There will be opportunities to pray together, worship together, celebrate Mass together, and share wisdom, experience, and insight into how to live out your faith as a Catholic young adult.

August 14-16, 2026
Register and Info:

diocesehelena.org/youngadultretreat



Guest Speaker: Sr. Molly Bernadette Spiering, CSFN

Sr. Molly Bernadette grew up in a large family on a farm near Cody, WY. After earning a degree in Theology & Philosophy from Christendom College, she entered the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Currently in her third year of temporary profession as a Junior Sister, God willing, she hopes to make final vows in 2 years!

Questions? Reach out to:
Kevin Molm - kmolm@dohmt.org
Liz Wherley - lwherley@dohmt.org

August 10-11, 2026 PLANNING DAYS AT LEGENDARY LODGE



This **FREE** professional development opportunity is for those who teach and minister to youth and families in Catholic schools and parishes:

- Directors of Religious Education
- Directors of Faith Formation
- Youth Minister or Campus Minister
- Religion & Theology Teachers/Catechists

Topics Include:

- Spirituality of a Leader
- Strengthening Our Parents & Teens
- Skilling Up Your Toolbelt: Best Practices for Discipling Young People

Meet Our Facilitator:

GINA BAUER

www.ginabauer.com



Gina Bauer is a gifted missionary, teacher, author, and speaker who has spent decades forming leaders, families, and young people in the Catholic faith. Known for her dynamic style and compassionate heart, she brings clarity and conviction to conversations about the dignity of the human person.



REGISTER NOW FOR FREE!

diocesehelena.org/planningdays

Questions? Kevin Molm: kmolm@dohmt.org | 406.389.7055
Contact: Liz Wherley: lwherley@dohmt.org | 406.916.3111

DISCIPLESHIP | LEADERSHIP | SERVICE

CYC BOARD

2026-2027

MEETING DATES:

- AUG. 21-23 (LEGENDARY LODGE)
- OCT. 9-11 (EAST HELENA)
- DEC. 4-6 (DEER LODGE)
- MARCH 19-21 (BUTTE)



Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every young person in our Diocese. The Catholic Youth Coalition Board helps us accomplish this mission by forming, equipping, and sending young people to be servant leaders and witnesses to the Gospel in their own families, parishes, schools, and communities.

We welcome high school youth (grades 9-12) on the CYC Board who are willing to make the commitment.



REGISTER NOW!

Info & Registration:
[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CYCBOARD](https://diocesehelena.org/cycboard)





ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL (PREK-12)

Discover what makes St. Andrew a place where students flourish.

MEET OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL AUGUST 4 - 7PM - MAIN CAMPUS

We are excited to welcome Michael Wilson as our Head of School. Drawing on 15 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, Michael is dedicated to advancing Catholic classical education that forms students in faith, wisdom, virtue, and academic excellence and a vibrant school community. Meet Michael in person and hear about the vision for the future of the school.



MICHAEL WILSON

- OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 19 - 4:30-6:30PM AT BOTH CAMPUSES

- PREK-5 AT MAIN CAMPUS - 1900 FLOWEREE ST.
- 6TH-12TH AT WARREN CAMPUS - NEXT TO CATHEDRAL
- **BBQ FOR EVERYONE AT MAIN CAMPUS AT 6:30PM** -



ENROLLMENT
IS OPEN



SCHEDULE A
TOUR TODAY!



STANDREWSCHOOL.ORG

Prayer for Our Seminarians

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of our seminarians,
the young men who have heard
Your call and responded with
courage and hope.

Grant them the grace of
discernment,
that they may hear Your voice
clearly amid the noise of the
world, and follow where You
lead with open hearts
and trusting spirits.

Strengthen them with
perseverance,
especially in times of doubt,
loneliness, or trial.
May they remain faithful to the
journey You have set
before them, and grow daily in
wisdom, humility, and love.

We lift up their families to You,
Lord—
those who nurtured their faith and
continue to support them with
prayer and sacrifice.
Bless them with peace,
encouragement, and joy,
and let them feel Your presence
in their own vocation of love.

Guide all seminarians with the
light of Your Holy Spirit, so that,
if it be Your will, they may one
day serve Your Church as holy,
faithful priests. We ask this
through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Did you know that Good Samaritan Ministries is the social justice arm of the Catholic Church?

We provide a number of services to our unhoused or disadvantaged
community members including:

- Rental, Utilities, and Auto Assistance
- Guidance for obtaining ID's, Social Security, Medicaid, etc.
- Gas cards to get to medical appointments
- On the street intervention for unhoused individuals facing addiction or mental health crises
- Provision of clothing, furniture, household goods, diapers, and formula to families in need
- Daily peer led groups for sobriety & wellness

And so much more.



More than just a Thrift Store.

Assistance Ministries | Our Place | Street Outreach
3067 N. Montana Ave. | 406-442-0780 | GoodSamHelena.org



*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

PRAY FOR
MORE
PRIESTS



BISHOP'S GALA

★ 2026 ★

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DRESS THEME:
COWBOY
CLASSIC



VATICAN
NEWS

Current Vatican News

To read the latest Vatican news, choose one of the following options:

- Online users may click the link:
[News from the Vatican - News about the Church - Vatican News](#)
- Or visit: www.vaticannews.va/en.html

Fraud Awareness

We are seeing texts and/or emails from fraudsters pretending to be the parish priest or claiming to be from local parish personnel.

Please review the information below for tips to identify potential fraud in email or text/messages.

Email Fraud/Phishing

- Be cautious of messages from unknown senders
- Look out for poor spelling and grammar
- Be wary of suspicious links or attachments
- Verify any requests for personal information

Text Fraud

- Be suspicious of texts from unknown numbers
- Don't click on links in unexpected messages
- Look for a sense of unsensitive information
- Be cautious of unusual offers or incentives

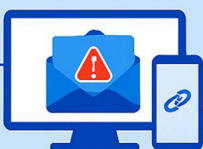
HOW TO SPOT FRAUD



Unfamiliar sender



Requests for sensitive information



Urgent or threatening language

Suspicious links or attachments

