

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

September 13th the 6 pm mass will stay at 5 pm year round

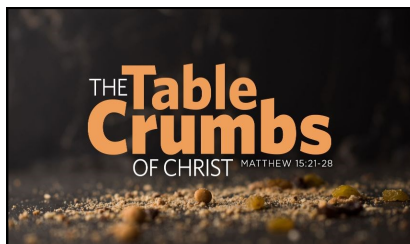
UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 23rd:
Installation Mass for Fr. Cody as Pastor
11:00 am Mass only with Bishop Vetter
Community Picnic "Faith in the Field"
 after the 11:00 am Mass
 on North Montana property

September 13th:
Ministry Fair
"A Piece of the Parish"
 Second Sunday Potluck
 after both masses



Who do you say that I am?



Great
Is
Your
Faith

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6—7
 The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is "a house of prayer for all peoples."

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13—15, 29—32
 God's love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21—28
 The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23rd Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19—23
 The Lord's servant will receive the key of the House of David.
 What the servant does, God confirms.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33—36
 The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgements are inscrutable and unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13—20
 At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary ~ August 30th Readings

Jeremiah 20:7—9, Romans 12:1—2, Matthew 16:21—27

August 16 & 23, 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
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE August 16 — August 30, 2026

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

Sunday 16th	11:00 am <i>Live Stream Mass</i> † for Jamison and Savanah Hermanson family
	6:00 pm Mass † for the people
Wednesday 19th	4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions 5:30 pm <i>Knights of Columbus Rosary at OLV FFA</i>
	6:00 pm Mass
Thursday 20th	8:00 am Soul Core FFA
Friday 21st	11:00 am Funeral Mass for Hugh Black
	11:00 am <i>Live Stream Mass</i>
Sunday 23rd	<i>Installation Service of Father Cody as pastor with Bishop Vetter</i>
FAITH IN THE FIELD COMMUNITY BBQ	
	12:15 pm at the property 7330 N Montana Ave
	6:00 pm Mass † for the people
Wednesday 26th	4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions 5:30 pm <i>Knights of Columbus Rosary at St Ann's Cemetery</i>
	6:00 pm Mass † for Herb & Judy Hazen
Thursday 27th	8:00 am Soul Core FFA
Sunday 30th	11:00 am <i>Live Stream Mass</i> † for the people 6:00 pm Mass † for Hugh Black

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

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

2027 \$ 44,165

2026 \$ 44,598

Offering down by \$ 433

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 6 offering	2027	\$ 9,896
	2026	\$ 6,245
Week 5 offering	2027	\$ 3,840
	2026	\$ 3,340
ACH (JUL)	2027	\$ 7,495
	2026	\$ 7,833
Give Central (JUL)	2027	\$ 3,279
	2026	\$ 2,538
Extra Giving (JUL)	2027	\$ 0
	2026	\$ 10,000

Monthly Accumulative for July

Building	\$ 2,368
Rent	\$ 1,900
Stipends	\$ 300
VBS	\$ 535
Helping Hands	\$ 20
Peter's Pence	\$ 200



August 23rd

Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Dennis O'Reilly, Pam O'Reilly
EMs: Paul Tschida, Mary Vogl, Mary Barry, Elizabeth Barry, Teresa Sing

Greeter: Ron Miller

Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed

6:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Jim Shea, Rhonda Malecha
EMs: Karolyne Redding, Lois Hankins, Linda Juvik

Greeters: Sheila Hill

Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

August 30th

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Aurora Sebestyen, Judy Palmquist
EMs: Jim Sebestyen, JoAnne Canney, Terri Temple, Tessa McGree, Cassandra Jimenez

Greeters: Peggy Pillman

Altar Servers: Volunteers needed

6:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Phil Quinn, Ed Beall
EMs: Micki Bennett, Connie Bergum, Larry Thomas
Greeters: Micki Bennett
Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn, Huck Quinn

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

OLV OCIA Adult Faith Formation

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?

Are you Catholic and want to deepen your Catholic faith?

Need to complete Eucharist or Confirmation or both?



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

Classes start in the Fall.



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



OFFERING



ST. ANDREW
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Grow in faith and character



Develop wisdom and virtue



Learn how to think with
wonder and purpose



Build a lifelong love of learning



OPEN HOUSE: AUGUST 19

4:30-6:30PM AT BOTH CAMPUSES

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

*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.



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

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!



Take courage!
I have overcome the world.
(Jn 16:33)

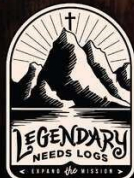
Contact your Parish Youth Leader to find
out more by reaching out to
Father Cody Williams or Mandy Bell
to get your name on the list!

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

BISHOP'S GALA

★ 2026 ★

**OCT
09**



DRESS THEME:
COWBOY
CLASSIC



Starting September 13th we will be saying this Vocation Prayer

Heavenly Father, You knit each of us in our mother's womb creating us for a specific role in the building up of Your Kingdom. Grant us the grace to discover the path you have laid out for us, the path where we will use the gifts You have given us for Your greater glory. Stir within our hearts a desire to follow Your will and to respond with generosity and courage, recognizing that You know us better than we know ourselves.

May the people of our community open their hearts to Your will and may they find in our families and parishes a place where they can be supported and encouraged no matter what vocation they pursue.

Send forth Your spirit to inspire all people to strive for holiness in their vocation, establishing an intimate friendship with You so that they can become holy husbands and wives, holy mothers and fathers, holy priests and brothers, holy sisters and nuns, holy deacons and consecrated virgins, holy chaste single men and women.

Above all things, we recognize that we need more saints than ever who will become beacons of light in a culture of darkness. We offer up our prayer to You, Merciful Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



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

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



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.

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 |

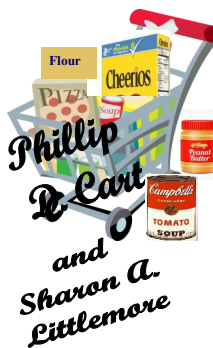
ALWAYS NEEDED for Kid Packs

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| -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



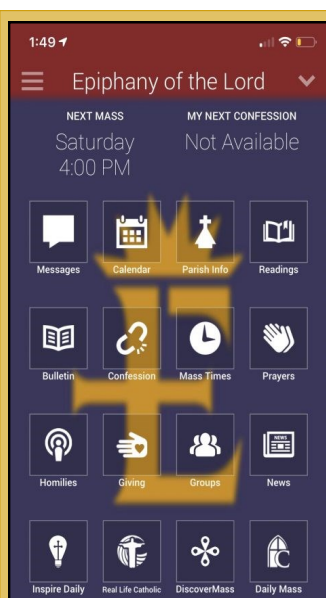
Thank you from the bottom of my cart!

WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS

Jesus Chavez and Maria Ramirez, Yamil & Rebekah

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.



The My Parish App makes it quick and easy to access daily readings, give online, and find Mass and confession times. Scan the QR code to download the app.



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



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](https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html)
- Or visit: www.vaticannews.va/en.html

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

In 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.



This renewable generation Project received funding through the **NorthWestern Energy**
As of Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 1:47pm **OLV has produced 66.7 MWh of energy**
CO2 Emission Saved 103k lb. Equivalent Tree planting 780

Fr. Cody's Column

Prayer Part 3: The Our Father

The most common prayer that we pray is the Our Father. Yet, how often do we take time to listen to the various stanzas of the prayer and understand their meaning? St. Thomas Aquinas called this prayer the most perfect prayer and that everything we need to pray from is contained in this prayer. Pope Francis during the Jubilee Year of Hope asked everyone to prayerfully pray the Our Father. So, let us also take some time to explore this prayer and understand how it teaches us to pray.

The first words of the prayer already set a tone: Our Father. We cannot dismiss the power of these words. They are the direction of the prayer, its address. They tell us about ourselves. They set up a relationship. We do not pray this prayer individually nor is it our own personal prayer. When we pray the Our Father, we are praying with the community in union with Jesus. We are collectively asking for the basic needs of all the people of the world. We are uniting ourselves as a group of people to Jesus who offers this pray to the Father. Jesus gave us this one prayer so that all his followers could pray together, as one, with him to the Father. Hence, "our" father.

The word "father" is a beautiful, familial way to take about God. If the prayer began "our God," it sets a totally different tone. God is a concept beyond us, a power we should hold in fear, a force not to be reckoned with. The formal title of "god" moves us away from relationship and into a formality. Jesus doesn't use that title to describe God. God is father. A relationship we can understand. A relationship that nurtures and punishes, supports and encourages, comforts and challenges. Although many people struggle with their relationships with their fathers, this prayer is an invitation into a relationship with a god who wants us, chose us, adopted us, and desires us. These opening two words set a tone for the prayer as one of building a relationship with God.

The opening two words now becomes a context for our own prayers. We cannot just begin talking and we don't do this with other people. We have formal ways of greeting one another: "hi, how are you?" "How's it going?" "Good to see you." The same applies to prayer and God. We should always begin our prayers by addressing God, naming him, recognizing that we are in relationship with him, and treating him with the same respect we would other people. These opening words help us to reflect on the mystery of God and to remind ourselves who we are praying to. In our own prayers we can do the same in many different ways: O Jesus, God, Almighty Father, Lord, Holy Spirit, and many more.

I encourage you to take some time with this prayer to explore different ways of addressing God. How does God want to reveal himself to us? What does it mean that we have a God who wants us to call him Father? How does this prayer help us to understand our relationship with God and praying to him.

Fr. Cody Williams

Job Position Open: Bookkeeper

We are hiring!

The role of the Bookkeeper is to maintain our financial records, help create and maintain budgets, write checks, and payroll. The position is part-time 20 hour per week for \$20-30 and not benefit eligible. The minimum requirements are a high school diploma or equivalent, skills with technology, experience with QuickBooks and Paylocity are highly encouraged. For more information read the job description posted on our website or contact Fr. Cody at cwilliams@olvmnt.org.

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**

Please remember to bring a potluck
item to the picnic.

Installation mass of Father Cody Williams as Pastor to Our Lady of the Valley



Join us on **August 23** at the
11:00 a.m. Mass,
when **Bishop Vetter** will install
Father Cody Williams as pastor.

After Mass, enjoy our Community BBQ on
the North Montana property, and hear more
about the vision for the Valley.
Look for the signs.

Welcome Father Cody Williams!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Cody will lead
training for **current and
new altar servers**
on **September 20th** after
the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the
church.

Participants must have
received their
First Communion.



News from the Grand Knight:

*The Knights will have their
5th Sunday Breakfast on August 30th
at the Hall from 7:30-1pm.*



**September
13th after
both Masses**

Come and get
your own
“piece of the
parish”

Visit one of our booths, take a 4 x 6 card,
get a stamp, 4 stamps can be redeemed
for a piece of pie!

Please prayerfully consider helping in a ministry.

- * Eucharistic Ministers (especially 5 pm mass)
- * Altar servers *trained by our very own Father Cody on
September 20th after the 11 am mass*
- * Volunteer Pool to help with potlucks and other
functions of the church
- * Coffee ministry
- * Greeters and ushers
- * Lectors
- * Decorating environment
- * And many more...



Second Sunday's

You're warmly invited to join us after both Masses
beginning September 13 for our Second Sunday
Potlucks. Bring a favorite dish—or simply
something to share—and enjoy time with our
parish community.

Our first potluck will take place alongside the
Ministry Fair, and we would be grateful for
volunteers to help set up, clean up, and
serve slices of pie.

We'll continue gathering on the second Sunday of
each month.

Come share good food, friendly conversation, and
a chance to welcome new faces.