

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:

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

September 20th
Altar server training
For New and old servers
after the 11:00 am Mass

IT IS WRITTEN:
For where two or
three are gathered
together in my
name, there am I
in the midst of
them.
Matthew 18:20



Take up
your cross
and
follow me

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30th Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7—9

Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1—2

Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21—27

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6th Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7—9

God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God's behalf, they are saved.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8—10

All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15—20

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

24th Sunday in Ordinary ~ September 13th Readings

Sirach 27:30—28:7, Romans 14:7—9, Matthew 18:21—35

August 30 & September 6, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley

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Website: www.olvmt.org

My parish App



Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor

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cwilliams@olvmt.org

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)



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for anyone interested
in using them. They
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Email prayer requests to Jeanne
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE August 30 — September 13, 2026

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

Sunday 30th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for the people*
6:00 pm Mass † *for Hugh Black*

Wednesday 2nd 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions~ **CANCELED**
 5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at SS Cyril*
6:00 pm Mass ~ **CANCELED**

Thursday 3rd 8:00 am Soul Core FFA

Sunday 6th 11:00 am *Live Stream Mass † for Vivian Bruski*
6:00 pm Mass † *for the people*

Monday 7th **OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

Wednesday 9th 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions
 5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at St Mary's SMCC*
6:00 pm Mass † *for Hugh Black*
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 10th 8:00 am Soul Core FFA

Sunday 13th **Second Sunday Potluck**
Ministry Fair Get a "Piece of the Parish"
11:00 am *Live Stream Mass*
† *for David and Mary Anne Jensen*
6:00 pm Mass † *for the people*

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

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2027 \$ 53,424

FY 2026 \$ 51,462

Offering up by \$ 1,962

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 8 offering	FY 2027	\$ 4,688
	FY 2026	\$ 2,547
Week 7 offering	FY 2027	\$ 4,571
	FY 2026	\$ 4,317
ACH (JUL)	FY 2027	\$ 7,495
	FY 2026	\$ 7,833
Give Central (JUL)	FY 2027	\$ 3,279
	FY 2026	\$ 2,538
Extra Giving (JUL)	FY 2027	\$ 0
	FY 2026	\$ 10,000

Faith in the Field

Free Will offering	\$ 870
Give Central	\$ 50
50/50	\$ 407

To donate through Give Central use the QR code
Questions? Call the Parish



September 6th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Deidre Casey, Dennis Mayernik
EMs: Teri Flemming, Emily Frazier,
Larry Matthews, Susan Matthews,
Peggy Pillman

Greeter: Marlyn MacKenzie

Altar Servers: Isaac Casey, Volunteers Needed

6:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Irene Strauss, Rich Wirak
EMs: Sue Hallsten, John Hallsten, Lois Hankins,
Karolyne Redding, Linda Juvik

Greeters: Sheila Hill

Altar Servers: Volunteer needed,
Volunteer needed

September 13th

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Marianne Hamel, Aurora Sebestyen

EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Mary Barry,
Elizabeth Barry, Paulette Adams, Kelly Bond

Greeters: Norm & JoAnne Canney

Altar Servers: Charlotte Barry, Cooper Barry

5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Jim Shea, Connie Bergum

EMs: Larry Thomas, Jonna Brenton,
Dave Galt, Vicky Galt, Dan Gengler

Greeters: Jere & Kay Hoy

Altar Servers: Volunteer needed,
Volunteer needed



Pre-K through 5th grade
Starts Sunday, September 20th
at 9:45 am

6th grade start date to be determined

7th grade through 12th grade
Starts Wednesday, September 16th
at 6:30 pm

<https://usa-mt-helena.public.onecamino.com/21/formation-registration>

Pre-K through
12th grade
Faith Formation
Registration
Use the QR code to
get registered.



Tuition:

PreK-6th grade \$50

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1406/event/40478>

7th grade-12th grade \$60

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1406/event/41330>



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.



**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...



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

Classes start in the Fall.



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.

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.

CAMINO LIFE

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>

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

BISHOP'S GALA

★ 2026 ★

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DRESS THEME:
COWBOY
CLASSIC



VATICAN NEWS

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



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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



Baptism Preparation Class



Tuesday, October 6, 2026
at 5:15 pm
in the Conference Room

Please call the office to register
406-458-6114

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mental health
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Fr. Cody's Column

Prayer part 4

The Our Father part 2

The previous section focused on the first 2 words of the Our Father. This part will continue into the next part of the prayer “who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.” The word “father” emphasizes relationship. God is more to us than an infinite being who is beyond time and knows everything. He chooses to relate to us in human terms as a father taking us as his children. This first part of the Our Father now becomes a pattern for us for all prayer. When we pray, we should always choose a way of addressing God.

Yet, the Our Father teaches us that there is more to praying than simply addressing God. The next step is to remind ourselves about the nature of God. Who is this god that we are praying to? What qualities are important to us? The Our Father teaches us that prayer should address God in one or more of his qualities to clarify who and why we are praying. In the Our Father we address God as the “one who is in heaven.” God is the king of Heaven, the ruler of the Heaven, the reason why heaven exists. Jesus gave us this quality of God to make an emphasis for us. We seek the God who is in Heaven and with whom we hope to live in Heaven. This address gives our prayers, our lives, and our understanding of God a directionality. We are not just praying to any god we choose but a God whom will open the gates of Heaven for us.

We can expand this line of thinking into all of our prayer. O God who is healer of the sick. O God who came to be with us. O Jesus, who died and rose for us. God has many qualities. The more we know about God, the more we can tailor our prayers to reflect the aspect of God we want to emphasize by our prayers. Additionally, the art of crafting a prayer also is a way to come to know God better.

Some of the words of the Our Father are strange to us: thy and art. We used to use these words to express familiarity, friendship or closeness. The 2nd person informal was meant to encompass the way we talk to people who are closest to us. Therefore, this translation of the Our Father reflects that we are speaking to God as though he is a friend, a close friend, someone we trust and care about.

“Thy will be done.” The Our Father is a prayer of trust. In the first few lines we move quickly from addressing God to our first of seven petitions. We actually pray that God’s will is done both now and in the future, both on earth and in heaven, both in the grand scheme of creation and in our lives. If God is all powerful and worthy of our trust and admiration, we should also trust that his will is good even when we are unsure. This part of the prayer invites us to reflect on God’s will, our willingness to obey it, and our belief in the goodness of God. The line hinges the prayer between reflecting on the nature of God and requesting something of him. How often do we seek God’s will? How often are we willing to allow God’s will to be done? How willing are we to surrender to his will?

Fr. Cody



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@olvmt.org.

Starting September 13th we will be saying this Vocation Prayer
(Find the neon green laminated handout in your hymnal rack available September 13th.)

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.

SEMINARIANS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Riley Helgoe
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Carson Gorton
PHILOSOPHY II

Anthony Olmes
THEOLOGY III

Jake Smith
PHILOSOPHY II

James Semling
THEOLOGY III

Liam Aippersbach
PHILOSOPHY I

Jamie Severson
THEOLOGY III

Ryan Frampton
PHILOSOPHY I

Carter Anderson
THEOLOGY II

Peter Fiocchi
PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

Shae Bills
THEOLOGY II

Nathan Olmes
PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

Matt Keck
THEOLOGY II

John Cooney
PASTORAL YEAR

Please continue to pray for our Seminarians

FOOD SHARE—Kids need us all year!

The "Wish List" food and other items

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

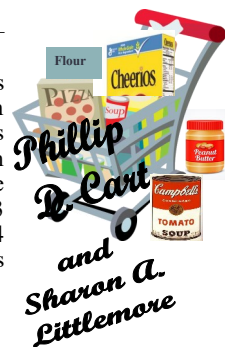
ALWAYS NEEDED for Kid Packs

- 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

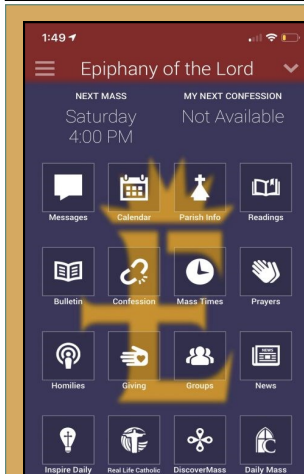
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The
Presidential Inauguration
of
Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D.

the twentieth president of Carroll College



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Carroll College

Tuesday,
September 15, 2026

*in the Carroll College
PE Center*

All are welcome!

Bishop Austin A. Vetter and the whole Carroll College community are pleased to invite you to join us for the inauguration of Carroll College's 20th President, **Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D.**, on Tuesday, September 15 at 12:30 pm in the Carroll College PE Center. A community reception will be held following the inauguration. The inauguration ceremony will be rooted in Carroll's Catholic Mission, and celebrate the college's deep connection to Helena and Montana.

Inspired by President Glowienka's background in evolutionary botany, the inauguration theme, ***Rooted in Mission. Cultivating the Future.***, reflects the belief that enduring growth begins with strong roots. Grounded in this theme, the week's events celebrate the values that have shaped Carroll for more than a century, with each day highlighting one of the five pillars of the college's mission statement:



- Instilling an enduring wonder for knowledge that will prepare students for leadership and their chosen vocations
- Offering an integrative and value-centered education rooted in freedom of inquiry
- Engaging faithfully the intellectual tradition and the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Serving all with humility, especially our neighbors who are poor and marginalized
- Welcoming all persons of good will in a cooperative journey toward truth and virtue

The inauguration ceremony, as well as a variety of events held throughout Inauguration Week, are open to the public, we simply ask that you RSVP in advance.

To RSVP, see the full list of activities happening during Inauguration week, and for FAQs, please visit the inauguration webpage at: <https://bit.ly/carrollinauguration>, or by scanning the QR Code. Please hold Dr. Glowienka, and our beautiful diocesan college, in your prayers during this exciting time.



Scan to find more details, view the full Inauguration Week schedule, and RSVP.