



September 13, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley
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My parish App



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday
10 am – 3 pm

Parish Office Staff

Office Manager: Kelly Bond

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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

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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:

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)

Mass Schedule

Wednesday

4:30 pm Adoration

4:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday

11:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

NEW WEEK DAY SCHEDULE

Starting the week of
September 28th

Tuesday: Mass at 6 pm

Wednesday:

Adoration &

Confessions at 4 pm

Mass at 6 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 20th

Pre-K through 5th grade
Religious Education
starts 9:45 am to 10:45 am

Altar server training

For New and old servers
after the 11:00 am Mass

September 23rd

No Confessions,
Adoration or Mass

October 6th

Baptism Preparation
Class at 5:15 pm in the
Conference Room

October 11th

Second Sunday Potluck

FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord is kind and merciful.
—Psalm 103

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13th Readings

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Forgive the injustice of your neighbor,
 for then your own sins will be pardoned.
 Remember death, stop sinning, recall the
 commandments, love your neighbor, think of
 God's covenant, and overlook
 the faults of others.

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7—9

We are not our own masters, but we are
 responsible to the Lord as servants. In life
 and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ
 died and rose to life in order to become
 "Lord of both the dead and the living."

Gospel: Matthew 18:21—35

In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared
 the reign of God to a king settling accounts
 with his officials. Moved by compassion, the
 king forgave some or all of each debt.
 An official then extorted the full amount he
 was owed, and the king punished him.



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.



**Hearing
Devices**

are available
 for anyone interested
 in using them. They
 are located in the
 drawer in the
 gift table.

**LOW
GLUTEN
HOSTS**
 are available.

25th Sunday in Ordinary ~ September 20th Readings

Isaiah 55:6—9, Philipians 1:20—24, 27a, Matthew 20:1—16a

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE September 13—20th

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

Sunday 13th	Second Sunday Potluck Ministry Fair Get a "Piece of the Parish" 11:00 am <i>Live Stream Mass</i> † for David and Mary Anne Jensen 5:00 pm Mass † for the people
Monday 14th	5:30 pm Music Rehearsal
Wednesday 16th	4:00 pm 6th grade — 12th grade Family Kickball at Batch Field 4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions 5:30 pm <i>Knights of Columbus Rosary at the Cathedral</i> 6:00 pm Mass † for Laura Barry
Thursday 17th	8:00 am Soul Core FFA
Sunday 20th	9:45 am pre-K through 5th grade RE 11:00 am <i>Live Stream Mass</i> † for Carlitos Nistler 12:00 pm Altar Server training 6:00 pm Mass † for the people

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



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

6th grade through 12th grade
Starts Wednesday, September 16th
With Kickball at Batch Field 4 pm

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



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

Tuition:

PreK-5th grade \$50

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

6th grade-12th grade \$60

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

September 20th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Kevin Molm, Judy Palmquist

EMs: JoAnne Canney, Tessa McGree,

Al Williams, Kathie Williams,

Shirley Timmerman

Greeter: Karen Bourquin

Altar Servers: Owen Molm, Gwen Tooke

5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Bob Bennett, Karolyne Redding

EMs: Micki Bennett, Justin Lutgen,

Mark Deegan, Sue Hallsten, John Hallsten

Greeters: Mary Lutgen

Altar Servers: Volunteer needed

Volunteer needed

Kickball

Sept. 16, 4:00 pm

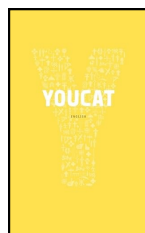
Batch Fields

6th-12th Grade!!!

Want to donate to YouCat Chat
Use the QR code



This program takes place at Capital High School at lunch time in the Band Room.



Discover the My Parish App

Your parish connection is closer than you think—daily readings, online giving, Mass times, confession times and the bulletin are just a scan away.

You can also connect to **KNEH Relevant Radio** through the App.



Fr. Cody's Column

Prayer part 5

The Our Father

The last 5 petitions

The Our Father contains 7 petitions or requests of God: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, give us daily bread, forgive us, forgive others, lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil. St. Thomas Aquinas said that these 7 petitions contain everything we need for life and especially for our lives with God.

In the previous section I covered the first 2 petitions. This section will cover the last 5.

The next petition emphasizes one of our basic needs: food. Yet, let's look closer at the request. Most people assume that this request is for the food we need each day, hence "daily bread." The word in Greek, however, is quite complex and has uncertain origins. The word can be translated as either the "bread we need this day," "the bread that gives us sustenance each day," "a special bread called daily bread," or "a special kind of bread that provides eternal sustenance." Since we are uncertain about the meaning of the word, we can apply all of these to its meaning. We are asking for a special kind of bread that provides for our daily sustenance and will keep us going throughout our lives. We are asking for God to give us the special food that sustains us.

The next two are a need everyone shares but are often too ashamed to admit: forgiveness. These two petitions paired together paint a rather unsettling picture of God. We first ask God to forgive us. Why not? We all need forgiveness and want to experience God's mercy and so we ask for it. But it comes with a condition. Our willingness to forgive others is directly related to the amount that we allow ourselves to experience forgiveness. This is not what we expected. But it reminds us of something very important. We are not only praying to be forgiven but also to forgive others. It is a grace to forgive others and let go of the hurt. It is also a grace to be forgiven by God and be able to let go of our pain.

The final two petitions direct our attention to the future and especially the end of our lives. The first sounds strange: lead us not into temptation. It sounds like God is tempting us to sin and we are asking him not to tempt us.

The proper way to understand this petition is that through life we go through many trials to prove our love for God and our desire for him. We are asking that we can simply love him without those trials and not endure those things that might take us away from God. The final line is easy: deliver us from evil. Keep evil away from us. I think we need to focus more on this line. We are asking that evil not take a prominent place in our lives and that we be kept in the graces of God. This line is very profound and helpful.

Now that I have finished this short intro to the Our Father, imagine if we took time to explore each of these lines and apply them to our lives. Imagine the depth of meaning this prayer would have for us. The Our Father is the perfect prayer and contains everything we need from addressing God to what we need to ask for.

Fr. Cody

Communion to the Sick

Often people who have loved ones who are sick will bring a pyx (a gold container that holds the Eucharist for transport) to Mass and ask to bring communion to the sick. This practice is good and laudable. We should be encouraging the care of the sick and helping them on the road to recovery. Most of the people whom I have met bring their pyx when they receive Communion. This practice causes a number of challenges for me as the pastor. Often, I don't know who these people are and to whom they are bringing Communion. I would like to know whom they are bringing Communion to in case the sick person needs a visit or I need to connect with them. Additionally, some people today are trying to steal the Eucharist for nefarious purposes (and yes, it has happened in our church). I need to do what I can to prevent this from happening.

For those of you who are bringing Communion to the sick,
I ask you to see me after Mass and I will happily get Communion for you.

Coming soon!

The Gospel Procession

Throughout the Mass we have several processions which mark pivotal moments or show our connection to the event. For instance, the most obvious procession, is when the priest, servers, cross bearer, and Gospel book are brought in during the Mass. These processions are important moments that showcase something of great value for the Mass.

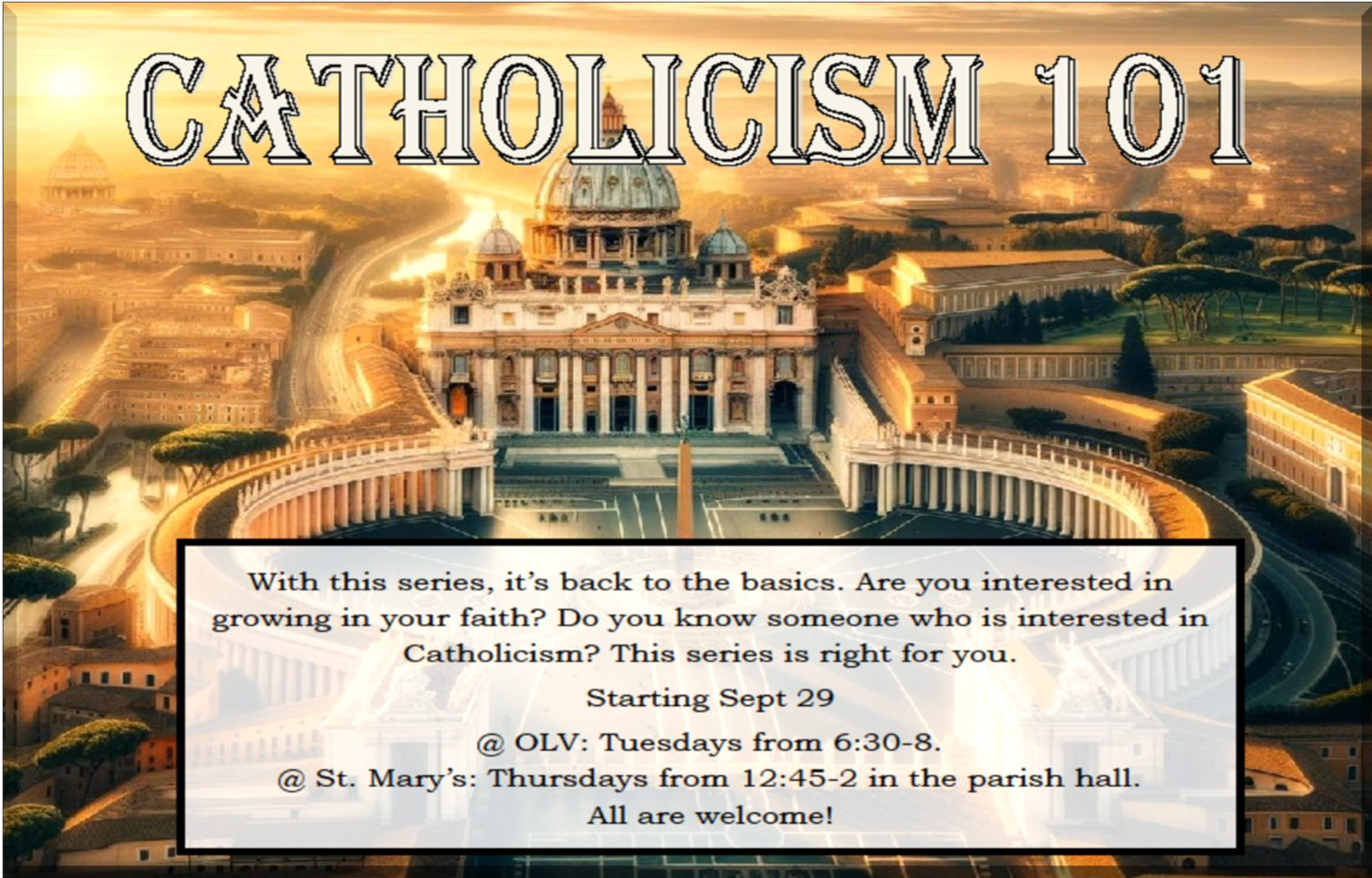
One of the processions is the Gospel procession. At the moment just before the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest or deacon takes the Book of the Gospels from the altar and processes with it to the ambo, the place where the readings are proclaimed. Why do we do this? The Gospel is the highest point of the Liturgy of the Word. The proclamation of the Gospel is of such great importance that we stand to be attentive while listening to Jesus' words. The Gospel is the completion of the Old and New Testaments and one of the center points of our faith. With such importance placed on the proclamation of the Gospel, we also show great reverence in the procession.

The procession should contain a few basic elements. First, at the beginning of the Mass, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar. This signals for us that the event we celebrate on the altar, the sacrifice of Jesus or the Eucharistic Prayer, is connected with the proclamation of the Gospel. The ritual is made clear in the readings. Second, the Gospel is then moved from the altar to the ambo to connect the Gospel to the other readings. Third, the procession should contain the following key pieces. The priest or deacon holds the Gospel book for all to see. Servers carry candles to draw our attention to the event and to show the proclamation of the Gospel is the Light of Christ. We could also have incense that leads the procession to show the veiling of the mystery of God's word and the sweet scent draws our attention to this important event.

Starting at the end of September, I am going to train our altar servers to carry candles in order to emphasize this procession and make clear that we are in a procession with the Gospel.

Father Cody

CATHOLICISM 101



With this series, it's back to the basics. Are you interested in growing in your faith? Do you know someone who is interested in Catholicism? This series is right for you.

Starting Sept 29

@ OLV: Tuesdays from 6:30-8.

@ St. Mary's: Thursdays from 12:45-2 in the parish hall.

All are welcome!



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

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2027 \$ 75,627

FY 2026 \$ 69,911

Offering up by \$ 5,715

<u>Income Streams</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Week 10 offering	FY 2027	\$ 5,819
	FY 2026	\$ 4,046
Week 9 offering	FY 2027	\$ 3,806
	FY 2026	\$ 2,819
ACH (AUG)	FY 2027	\$ 7,545
	FY 2026	\$ 7,833
Give Central (AUG)	FY 2027	\$ 3,256
	FY 2026	\$ 2,251
Extra Giving (AUG)	FY 2027	\$ 0
	FY 2026	\$ 0

Other Monthly Accumulative for August

Building	\$ 3,193
Rent	\$ 1,900
Stipends	\$ 570
VBS	\$ 251
Helping Hands	\$ 20
Wolf Creek	\$ 100

Faith in the Field

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

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 pm



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Need to complete Eucharist or Confirmation or both?



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

Classes start in the Fall.

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

Grief Support Group: COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Beginning Monday September 21, 2026 1:00pm

Saint Mary Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave.

A grief support group is a *SAFE* place to meet with others, COMPANIONS who are grieving. It is a place to *SHARE YOUR STORY*, your *TEARS* and your *HOPES*. Whether your loss is recent, months or years you may benefit from the support and sacred time with others on the same journey.



Grief Support

ALL ARE WELCOME who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There are times after a death when we need someone to talk to...we need to know we are not alone, others share our pain, our questions our concerns.

"We need others to root for us." Sheineele Jones

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, MSW

Call Saint Mary's parish office 442-5268 and register or Helen Beausoleil 406-459-0948.

"The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn."

**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.

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!



FORGIVE

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>

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



This renewable generation Project received funding through the **NorthWestern Energy**
As of Friday, September 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm OLV has produced 69.7 MWh of energy
CO2 Emission Saved 103k lb. Equivalent Tree planting 816



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BISHOP'S GALA

★ 2026 ★

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CARROLL COLLEGE

DRESS THEME: COWBOY CLASSIC

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VATICAN NEWS

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- Online users may click the link:
[News from the Vatican - News about the Church - Vatican News](#)
- 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.

Baptism Preparation Class



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

Please call the office to register
406-458-6114



The Presidential Inauguration of
Jennifer Glowienka, Ph.D.
the twentieth president of Carroll College

*Rooted in Mission.
Cultivating the Future.*

Carroll College

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
in the Carroll College PE Center

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. The inauguration events 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>

Resurrection Cemetery

Fall Cleanup Begins: October 5, 2026

We kindly ask that all grave decorations be removed from graves **before October 5, 2026**. Any decorations remaining after this date may be removed by cemetery staff as part of the cleanup process. This annual cleanup allows our staff the time and space needed to properly care for the cemetery grounds, remove leaves and debris, trim and maintain the grounds, and prepare the cemetery for the coming winter months. Our goal is to keep Resurrection Cemetery a beautiful, peaceful, and dignified place for families to visit and remember their loved ones.

Redecorating May Begin: October 30, 2026

We understand that the decorations placed at a loved one's grave are meaningful and are an important way to honor and remember those we have lost. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain the cemetery while allowing our staff to complete this important seasonal work.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support of **Resurrection Cemetery**. Most importantly, thank you for helping us preserve the beauty, peace, and dignity of this special place where so many loved ones rest.



NEW PRICE. LIFELONG VALUE.

The education you expect at a price you understand.



Greetings to you! I am writing to share exciting news! Beginning with the 2027–28 academic year, **Carroll College will reset its published undergraduate tuition to \$26,800.** This simplified model aims to give students and families a clearer, more straightforward understanding of Carroll's tuition, financial aid, and what they can expect to pay. I hope this approach will make the college planning process easier to navigate for you and help our families make more informed decisions.

The close relationship between Carroll, the Diocese of Helena, and our parishes remains essential to Carroll's mission and its ability to provide a transformative Catholic education that is both excellent and accessible. With this exciting tuition and scholarship structure change, Carroll remains steadfast in that mission and in its commitment to affordability. I hope you will give Carroll a look and encourage your friends and family members to apply. Know of my continued prayers for all of you, and please pray for me!

In Christ, I am
Bishop Austin Vetter



40%

Beginning in fall 2027, Carroll is lowering its published undergraduate tuition by 40% to \$26,800. We are also eliminating the General Student Fee. Carroll is committed to expanding access to a Catholic liberal arts education that transforms lives.

How much is housing and dining? \$12,600/year, so there is no increase from the 2026–2027 academic year.

WHY THIS TUITION CHANGE?

Higher education has changed, and families deserve greater clarity when making one of the biggest investments of their lives. Rather than asking students to navigate a high-tuition, high-discount model that can be confusing and discouraging, Carroll is introducing a pricing model that is:

Clearer — A published tuition that is easier to understand.

More Transparent — Families can begin evaluating Carroll with greater confidence.

More Accessible — More students will see a Carroll education as an attainable option from the start.



PELL PROMISE FOR QUALIFIED NEW STUDENTS

Consistent with its mission, Carroll College is committed to making higher education accessible to as many students as possible, which is why we are proud to offer *Pell Promise for Qualified New Students*, a transformative financial aid initiative designed to **help cover 100% of tuition costs** for Federal Pell Grant recipients who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

See if you qualify and learn more at carroll.edu/promise.

LEARN MORE

At Carroll College, we believe an exceptional education should be defined by its lifelong value—not by the complexity of its price. We know you may have questions, and we're here to help. We've created a dedicated tuition change webpage with answers to FAQs, additional resources, and more.



carroll.edu/value

LEARN MORE AT OUR WEBSITE

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