



September 20, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday

10 am – 3 pm

Parish Office Staff

Office Manager: Kelly Bond

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Youth Ministry

PreK-6th grade

Becky Tooke 406-461-2995

7th grade through 12th grade

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Music Ministry

Rebecca Kagerer

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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

THIS Wednesday
No Adoration,
Confessions or 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



Are you envious that I am generous?
—Matthew 20:15b

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6—9

Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call him while he is near. ... My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD."

2nd Reading: Philippians
1:20c—24, 27a

Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain. ... I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Gospel: Matthew 20:1—16a

Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Jesus added, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 29th

Mass at 6:00 pm

Adult RE 6:30 pm

October 6th

Baptism Preparation

Class at 5:15 pm in the
Conference Room

October 11th

Second Sunday Potluck

November 8th

Second Sunday Potluck

November 28th

Advent Tea 3:00 pm



26th Sunday in Ordinary ~ September 27th Readings

Ezekiel 18:25—28, Philippians 2:1—11, Matthew 21:28—32



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.

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

WHERE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS TREASURED

UPCOMING SCHEDULE September 20—27th

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

Sunday 20th	9:45 am pre-K through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am Live Stream Mass † for Carlitos Nistler
	12:00 pm Altar Server training
	6:00 pm Mass † for the people
Wednesday 23rd	No Adoration, Confessions or Mass
	5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at All Saints Chapel
	6:30 pm 6th grade through 12th grade RE
Thursday 24th	8:00 am Soul Core FFA
Sunday 27th	9:45 am pre-K through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am Live Stream Mass † for Joe & Jackie Campeau
	6:00 pm Mass † for the people

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



Pre-K through 12th grade Faith Formation Registration

Use the QR code to get registered.



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

<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>

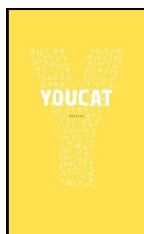
6th grade-12th grade \$60

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

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.



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

September 27th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Pam O'Reilly, Dennis O'Reilly

EMs: Paul Tschida, Mary Vogl,
Teresa Sing, Cassandra Jimenez,
volunteer needed

Greeter: Gail Zimmerman

Altar Servers: volunteers needed

5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Rhonda Malecha, Don Pratt

EMs: Phil Quinn, Linda Juvik,
Mary Grace Black, Connie Bergum,
Mark Deegan

Greeters: Joellen Moon

Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn
Huck Quinn

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

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Baptism Preparation Class

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

Please call the office to register
406-458-6114



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>



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.

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2027 \$ 80,079

FY 2026 \$ 74,941

Offering up by \$ 5,238

<u>Income Streams</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Week 11 offering	FY 2027	\$ 4,452
	FY 2026	\$ 4,930
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

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



SEMINARIANS

FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Riley Helgoe THEOLOGY IV	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



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.

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.

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

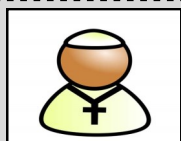
Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, MSW

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."



Grief Support



Pope's Intention for September For care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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

Feasibility mailers will be in your mailboxes soon.

Please complete the mailer and return it in the provided envelope.

Everyone's participation is important to get the most from the feasibility study.

Some of you will be invited to an interview with Cosgriff, where you will answer the same questions in person. Please consider participating in the interview.

The feasibility study will not ask for money.



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Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, early-intervention course that teaches participants about mental health and substance use challenges.

Save your spot and RSVP by sending an email to session leader, Phillip Quinn, at phil@cssmt.org.

Our Lady of the Valley, Helena
November 6th, 2026, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Attendance, lunch, and materials
provided at no cost.



Phillip Quinn, M.Ed., LCPC, serves as a Mental Health Counselor for Catholic Social Services of Montana, providing therapy to clients across Montana. Before CSSM, he spent 14 years with Intermountain, serving clients and supervising clinicians. He is a Certified Instructor for Mental Health First Aid, leading sessions and providing resources across Montana.



This session is provided in part thanks to the generosity and support of Catholic Extension Society.



Habitat for Humanity

Join Helena Area
Habitat for Humanity
for our annual
Fundraiser.

Wednesday, September 30th at 6 pm
Helena Civic Center
There are some tickets
available.

Call Paul Tschida
406-431-0821
For more information.



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

- Online users may click the link:
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- Or visit:
www.vaticannews.va/en.html

solar
edge

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**

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!