

Mass Schedule

Tuesday

6:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm

Catholicism 101

Wednesday

4:00 pm

Adoration and
Confessions

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday

11:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 6th

Baptism Preparation
at 5:15 pm in the
Conference Room

October 11th

Eucharistic Minister
Training
after 11:00 am Mass
Second Sunday Potluck

October 18th

Lector training after
11:00 am Mass
Advent Tea
Hostess and
guest Sign-ups

October 25th

Advent Tea
Hostess and
guest Sign-ups

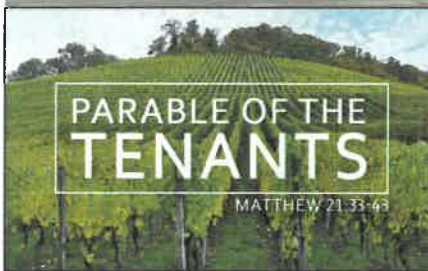
ADVENT TEA

Saturday, November 28th at 3:00 pm



Pope's Intention for October For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry
be established throughout the Church, helping
to overcome the stigma and discrimination of
persons with mental illness.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026 Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1—7

Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6—9

Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition...the God of peace will be with you."
With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33—43

Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them.

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11th Readings

Isaiah 25:6—10a, Philippians 4:12—14, 19—20,
Matthew 22:1—14

Please Contact Father Cody if you missed
the Altar Server Training. Contact
information is on the front of the bulletin.



Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com



LOW
GLUTEN
HOSTS

are available.

Hearing Devices

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



October 4, 2026

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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:

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)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE **October 4th — October 11th**

Sunday 4th	9:45 am PreK – 5 th grade RE
	11:00 am Mass † <i>for Vivian Bruski</i>
	5:00 pm Mass † <i>for the people</i>
Tuesday 6th	5:15 pm Baptism Preparation Class CR
	6:00 pm Mass
	6:30 pm Catholicism 101 in Social Center
Wednesday 7th	4:00 pm Adoration & Confessions
	5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at SS Cyril
	6:00 pm Mass † <i>for Moe Wosepka</i>
	6:30 pm 6 th grade through 12 th grade RE
Thursday 8th	8:00 am Soul Core in the Social Center
Sunday 11th	9:45 am PreK – 5 th grade RE
SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK	
	11:00 am Mass † <i>for the people</i>
	After mass Eucharistic Minister Training
	5:00 pm Mass † <i>for Hugh Black</i>

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

October 11th Ministry Schedule

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Aurora Sebestyen, Judy Palmquist

EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Mary Barry, Teri Flemming,
Emily Frazier, Teresa Sing

Greeter: Ron Miller & Karen Bourquin

Altar Servers: Charlotte Barry, Cooper Barry



5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Bob Bennett, Trish Bartz

EMs: Micki Bennett, Sue Hallsten, John Hallsten,
Lois Hankins, Connie Bergum

Greeters: Les & Laura Harris

Altar Servers: Volunteer needed



**De La Salle
Blackfeet School**

**Fundraising
Raffle**

Look for the **green** tickets on the
entryway table!

\$5 each or 6 for \$25

Prizes for drawings:

Monthly Drawing

\$100

Thanksgiving Drawing

\$1,000

Catholic School Drawing

\$1,000

Founders Day Drawing

\$1,000

Please register

Parish Registration and Information Update

Register or Update Your Information

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

Also, you may use the same QR code

to update your existing information.



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

Ministry Training Coming Soon!

October 11th after 11:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers
for current and new

October 18th after 11:00 Mass

Lectors
for current and new

**If these times do not work for you,
please contact Father Cody.**

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2027 \$ 101,884

FY 2026 \$ 94,948

Offering up by \$ 6,936

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 13 offering	FY 2027	\$ 4,712
	FY 2026	\$ 5,858
ACH (Sept)	FY 2027	\$ 7,495
	FY 2026	\$ 7,793
Give Central (Sept)	FY 2027	\$ 4,187
	FY 2026	\$ 2,682

Other Monthly Accumulative for September

Building \$ 3,049

Rent \$ 1,900

Stipends \$ 100

Faith Formation \$ 4,261

Helping Hands \$ 20

Wolf Creek \$ 100

Coffee & Doughnuts \$ 257

To donate through **Give Central**
use the QR code

Questions? Call the Parish

Office 406-458-6114



SOLAR EDGE

This renewable generation Project received funding
through the **NorthWestern Energy** *As of Thursday,*
October 2, 2026 at 11:00 am OLV has produced
71.6 MWh of energy CO2 Emission Saved 106k lb.
Equivalent Tree planting 838

Father Cody's Column

Prayer part 7



The Hail Mary

As I mentioned in the previous section, the first half of the Hail Mary is drawn from Scripture. We reflect on the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel came to meet Mary and announce the Messiah, and the Visitation, when Mary visited Elizabeth to hear the good news of her pregnancy.

The second half of the prayer was a much later addition. We know that by the turn of the 12th century the Hail Mary was commonly prayed throughout Europe. But how and why? Two traditions coincide for this moment, and the history is a little unclear. The Carmelites claim that the earliest Carmelite monks, while living on Mt. Carmel, received this prayer from Mary including the whole Rosary. The Dominicans claim that Mary gave them the Rosary around the beginning of the 13th century. Could both be true? Yes. Regardless of its origin, the Rosary became one of the most commonly prayed prayers throughout the Catholic Church by the end of the 13th century. Its simplicity and ease for both learning and praying was captivating for the common peasant who made up the majority of the church. Since the vast majority of the faithful were uneducated, they couldn't read and couldn't pray the Breviary, or Liturgy of the Hours, like the monks and priests. Instead, the Rosary became a source of comfort, reflection on Scripture, and meditation on the life of Jesus available to all people.

The ending of the prayer was added to help orient and end the prayer. The first part of the ending is very obvious: "Holy Mary, Mother of God." The Council of Ephesus in 381 declared that Mary is the Mother of God. Mary, being the one who gave birth to Jesus who is both God and man, didn't just give birth to his humanity but to the whole person of Jesus, God and man. Therefore, this declaration was added to the prayer to emphasize the nature of Mary and her role in salvation.

The final part of the prayer creates a necessary conclusion "pray for us sinners." The goal of the Hail Mary is not to pray to Mary nor to assume that she is God. Conversely, we are asking Mary to pray for us. Too often we get challenged that we are praying to Mary. The prayer very clearly states that we are not praying to Mary but to God. Finally, it concludes with: "now and at the hour of our death." The people of the Middle Ages were very afraid of dying. With plagues, wars, and many other hazards claiming lives early, they wanted assurance that Mary is praying for them; that they have an intercessor constantly watching out for them. Wouldn't we want the same thing? We are asking Mary to constantly intercede for us our entire lives. Thus, the prayer concludes with the request the Mary continually prays for us, giving us hope and comfort.

Fr. 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!

October counts

Help needed at each mass

October 11th, 18th and 25th

We need people to count people. Please call Kelly at the office to volunteer



Link to the Virtual meeting is on the website at olvmt.org



Coffee and Doughnuts can resume after the 11 am mass if we have help with the ministry, from making coffee, picking up the doughnuts, cleaning up and locking the doors. Also, continued donations.

If you are interested in helping please contact Kelly in the office so we can get you on board and take a weekend.



No doughnuts on Second Sunday Potlucks.

Our new donation coffee cup will be on the table with the doughnuts. The money collected will go for future coffee and doughnuts.

The wooden coffee donation cup was made by Ralph Yuhas. Thank you, Ralph!

CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE INVITED!



This is your opportunity to attend a 3-day weekend retreat seeking guidance by the Holy Spirit into a deeper experience of Christian community, prayer, discussion, reflection and enlightenment!

- **Women's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius**
January 14-17, 2027

Contact: helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com
406-439-4136

- **Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius**
February 11-14, 2027

Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com
406-459-9902

Please join the **Helena Catholic Journey Community** for our
'Harvest Gathering' at St Mary Catholic Community
- 1700 Missoula Ave - on **Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 pm.**

A free Italian meal will be served by members of the Journey Community.

Guest speaker for the event is
Eric Kroeger, Executive Director of
Good Samaritan Ministry.

This is a family friendly event. Come dine with us and find out what is happening at 'Good Sam's'

(a free will offering will be collected for Good Samaritan Ministry)

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

40 Days for Life

Join to pray for the end of abortion.

Wednesday, September 23rd to Sunday, November 1, 2026
sign up at: 40daysforlife.com/Helena

For questions email Sandra: helenamt40dfl@gmail.com



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



Our Lady of the Valley Parish – Helena, MT

Feasibility Study Mass Announcement #1

For Masses on October 4th

Our Feasibility Study for the building project has moved to the survey phase where the goal is to get the comments of **every single family**. This is a very important point in the process. You are asked to carefully review the plans, evaluate them, and respond to the survey.

This work is being carried out by Cosgriff Company, a Catholic firm who has conducted these studies across the country for over 65 years with an expertise in Catholic projects of this nature.

Every family will receive a packet in the mail containing information, a survey, and return envelope. You may have already received yours, if not it will arrive soon.

Cosgriff asks you to prayerfully consider how best to accommodate our plans for current and future growth. **Please** answer the survey and give your opinions. It contains check-the-box and open-ended questions. Take your time to fill it out and then return it in the postage-paid envelope OR you may go to the parish website and click the link to the *Feasibility Study* where you can answer the same questions online.

Please, RESPOND ONLY ONCE either by mail or web. Each survey is intended to reflect one household, but if there are strong differing opinions within a household then both spouses can respond with the 2 options. The web option is protected so only one response is allowed per computer.

About 60 families have been chosen to sit for personal interviews with Cosgriff during the next couple of weeks. Over the course of an hour, each family will discuss the project and survey. The interview families have been selected by the parish to closely reflect our overall makeup.

Responses from interviews, mail, and the web go directly to Cosgriff Company where all personal information is kept strictly confidential. No personal information or responses will be noted in the final study. Your opinion is very important so please take the time to help determine the course of our future.