

Mass Schedule

Tuesday

6:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm

Catholicism 101

Wednesday

4:00 pm

**Adoration and
Confessions**

6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

**Funeral Mass for
Linda Sorensen**

11:00 am

Sunday

11:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

November 15th

Sacristan training

after 11 am Mass

November 22nd

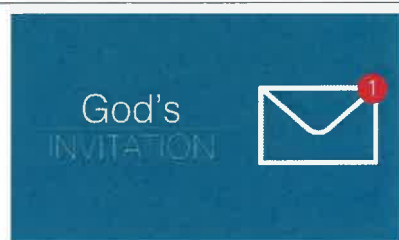
Greeter and usher

training after the

11 am Mass

ADVENT TEA

**Saturday, November 28th
at 3:00 pm**



**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
October 11, 2026
Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6—10

Isaiah prophesied, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide...a feast of rich food and choice wines....

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.... The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12—14, 19—20

Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry." When people share each other's hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1—14

Jesus likened God's reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God's reign, "many are invited, but few are chosen."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18th Readings

Isaiah 45:1,4—6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1—5b

Matthew 22:15—21

**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**



October 11, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley

1502 Shirley Road

Helena, MT 59602

Parish Office: 406-458-6114

E-mail: olvoffice@olvmnt.org

Website: www.olvmnt.org

My parish App

Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor

Voicemail: 406-458-8179

cwilliams@olvmnt.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:

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.

Hearing Devices

are available for anyone
interested in using them.

They are in the drawer
on the gift table.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE **October 11th — October 18th**

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>
Monday 12th	6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th	6:00 pm Mass
	6:30 pm Catholicism 101 in Social Center
Wednesday 14th	4:00 pm Adoration & Confessions
	5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at St Mary's
	6:00 pm Mass
	6:30 pm 6 th grade through 12 th grade RE
Thursday 15th	8:00 am Soul Core in the Social Center
Saturday 17th	11:00 am Funeral Mass for Linda Sorensen
Sunday 18th	11:00 am Mass † <i>for the people</i> After mass Lector Training
	5:00 pm Mass † <i>for Mike Morrison</i>

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

No Weekday Masses, Adoration,
Confession or Catholicism 101
October 21st through October 30th

October 18th

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Marianne Hamel, Bill Allen

EMs: JoAnne Canney, Paulette Adams, Terri Temple,
Paul Tschida, Peggy Pillman

Greeter: Gail Zimmerman

Altar Servers: Ainsley Dolphay, Rose Yager



5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Rhonda Malecha, Mary Dolan

EMs: Mary Vogl, Linda Juvik, Justin Lutgen,
Jonna Brenton, Larry Thomas

Greeters: Jere & Kay Hoy

Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn, Huck Quinn

Ministry Schedule

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>

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2027 \$ 106,253

FY 2026 \$ 99,489

Offering up by \$ 6,794

Income Streams Year Amount

Week 14 offering FY 2027 \$ 4,369

FY 2026 \$ 4,541

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 October

Building \$ 360

Rent \$ 1,900

Faith Formation \$ 180

Coffee & Doughnuts \$ 78

To donate through Give Central

use the QR code

Questions? Call the Parish

Office 406-458-6114



**De La Salle
Blackfeet School**

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

This renewable generation Project received
funding through the **NorthWestern Energy**
As of Friday, October 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm OLV
has produced **72.3 MWh of energy CO2**

Emission Saved 107k lb.

Equivalent Tree planting 846

solaredge

Father Cody's Column

Prayer part 8



Common Prayers

The most obvious form of common prayers include the Our Father and the Hail Mary. But we have many forms of common prayers that help us to pray when we are together. The common prayers of the Catholic Church are one of our hallmarks. They allow us to memorize prayers and be able to pray whenever we come together. They mark times and seasons and help us find words for the more important times of the year. I want to guide you into some of the less common forms of common prayers.

Novenas

Novenas are typically nine-day prayers with a specific prayer or set of prayers that are prayed each day for nine consecutive days. The origins of the novena come from Pentecost. As Jesus ascended into Heaven, he told his disciples to wait until the coming of the Spirit, which took nine days. From that moment came the tradition of praying for nine consecutive days. Although the standard length is 9 days, novenas vary in length to up to 33 days and sometimes as many as an entire year. Often novenas have the same prayer prayed each day but many have different prayers prayed each day. Some involve the life of Jesus, a Saint, or an event such as Pentecost. Others focus on themes or spiritual gifts like the Surrender Novena.

Why pray the same prayer for nine days? A couple of reasons. The purpose of praying for consecutive days is to deepen our sense of the virtue, idea, or desire of the novena. Maybe we want greater trust or to surrender to God. Then we pray for that gift for several consecutive days. Maybe we want to dive deeper into the mystery of Jesus, Mary, or one of the Saints. Then each day we reflect more deeply upon that idea through the variety of prayers and by reflecting on these people for a period of time. The second side of the continuous prayers is persistence. We are building the virtues of persistence and fortitude by reminding ourselves to pray each day.

Litanies

Another form of common prayer which is used widely throughout the world are litanies. Litanies are a type of prayer in which we use titles, ideas, or images to enter more deeply into a relationship with a person or idea. For instance, the Litany of Mary uses her various titles to help us reflect on the role of Mary and her importance in salvation history. Litanies are a call and response. The leader will start the litany with something like "Lord have mercy" repeated with the people repeating it. Then the leader will say the name of the Saint or the attribute of the person with the response of either "have mercy on us" if it relates to God or "pray for us" if it is about one of the Saints. Litanies are great ways to help us reflect on the mysteries of our faith without having to memorize long prayers or teach new types of prayers.

Fr. Cody

CATHOLICISM 101

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

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!

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



Calling all Table Hostesses and guests!

It is time to start planning.
Sign-up weekends are:

October 18th

October 25th



**Advent Tea: Saturday,
November 28th at 3:00 pm in
the Social Center**

Our Lady of the Valley Parish – Helena, MT

Feasibility Study Mass Announcement #2

By now, every family should have received the Feasibility Study survey envelope. If you haven't, please let the office know. Before jumping into the questions, we would like you to read about the plan. It took a great deal of work by many parishioners to create the least expensive long-term solution while providing the most functional parish facilities over the course of the next several decades. Every family's packet contains the same information on the plan, a survey, and return envelope.

Please discuss the project and funding among family, then give your opinions - they really do count. You can use the postage-paid envelope OR you may go to the parish website to answer the same questions online. Only one online survey may be submitted per computer.

All responses 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.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
FR. PIERRE-JEAN
DESMET GUILD

cordially invites

Catholic healthcare workers,
family, and friends

to a

WHITE MASS

*praying for healthcare professionals,
staff, and students*

Saturday, October 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Helena
Helena, Montana

CELEBRANT

The Most Reverend Austin A. Vetter
Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Yuriko Ryan, DBc
Bioethicist, Vancouver, B.C.

MAiD: The 10-Year Canadian Experience

Reception to follow - Brondel Center - Refreshments provided
Further questions: frdesmetguild.helena@gmail.com

SEMINARIANS FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Riley Helgoe
THEOLOGY IV

Anthony Olmes
THEOLOGY III

James Semling
THEOLOGY III

Jamie Severson
THEOLOGY III

Carter Anderson
THEOLOGY II

Shae Bills
THEOLOGY II

Matt Keck
THEOLOGY II

Carson Gorton
PHILOSOPHY II

Jake Smith
PHILOSOPHY II

Liam Aippersbach
PHILOSOPHY I

Ryan Frampton
PHILOSOPHY I

Peter Fiocchi
PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

Nathan Olmes
PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR

John Cooney
PASTORAL YEAR

Please continue to pray for our Seminarians

Ministry Training Coming Soon!

**October 18th after
11:00 Mass**

Lectors

**for current and new
Sacristan**

**November 15th after
the 11:00 am Mass**

**Greeter and usher
November 22nd after
the 11:00 am Mass**

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



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.

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](#)





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, EAST HELENA

FEBRUARY 11-14, 2027

CONTACT: HELENACURSILLOORECTOR@GMAIL.COM
406-459-9902

*Come
Encounter
Grow in Faith
Together!*

Harvest Gathering

HELENA JOURNEY COMMUNITY WILL BE HAVING A 'GATHERING' SOON AND ARE REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE BY PUBLISHING IN YOUR BULLETIN OR THROUGH MESSAGING SYSTEMS LIKE MYPARISH APP, FLOCKNOTES, OR WEBSITE. WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR...FOOD!!1 DAN O'BRIEN (A CHEF, ALONG WITH HIS PRAYER GROUP WILL BE PREPARING THE FIRST MEAL) WOULD YOU POST THE FOLLOWING:



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)

