This Week
Mass Schedule
Tuesday
Mass at 6 pm
No Catholicism 101
Wednesday
No Adoration,
Confessions or Mass
Sunday
Mass at 11:00 am
Mass at 5:00 pm
No Weekday Masses, Adoration, or Confessions October 26th-30th





Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Our Lady of the Valley
1502 Shirley Road
Helena, MT 59602
Parish Office Phone: 406-458-6114
Email: olvoffice@olvmt.org |
Website: www.olvmt.org
My Parish App

Pastor: Fr. Cody Williams
Voicemail: 406-458-8179
| cwilliams@olvmt.org
Deacon Steve Barry (senior status)
Office Hours: Monday–Thursday
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4—6
The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1—5b
The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15—21
When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God."

Parish Office Staff
Office Manager: Kelly Bond
Bookkeeper: Julie Titus
Maintenance and Custodial:
Lee Baerlocher
Youth Ministry
Pre-K–Grade 5:
Becky Tooke, 406-461-2995
Grades 6th–12th:
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, and Larry Thomas (chair)
Pastoral Council Members
Tessa McGree, Rachel Molm, Kevin Ochs, John Ries (chair), and Hazel Yuhas

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 25th
Advent Tea Hostess and guest Sign-ups
November 8th
Second Sunday Potluck
All Parish Meeting 2pm-4pm
November 15th
Sacristan training after 11 am Mass
November 22nd
Greeter and usher training after 11 am Mass
November 28th
Advent Tea 3:00 pm



ALL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where are we going? What do we want?
What are our challenges? What is our future?

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 located in the drawer on the gift table.

30th Sunday in Ordinary ~ October 25th Readings
Exodus 22:20—26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c—10, Matthew 22:34—40

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

UPCOMING SCHEDULE October 18th — 25th

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

Sunday 18th	11:00 am *Live Stream* Mass † *for the people*
	Lector Training after Mass
	5:00 pm Mass † *for Mike Morrison*
Tuesday 20th	6:00 pm Mass † *for Jeremy Treib*
Wednesday 21st	**No Adoration, Confessions or Mass**
	5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary at the Cathedral
	6:30 pm 6th grade through 12th grade RE
Thursday 22nd	8:00 am Soul Core *FFA*
Friday 23rd	***OFFICE CLOSED***
Sunday 25th	9:45 am Pre-K through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am *Live Stream* Mass † *for David & Mary Anne Jensen*
	5:00 pm Mass † *for the people*

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

Ministry Schedule

October 25th

11:00 am Mass
Lectors: Erin Bley, Kevin Molm
EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Shirley Timmerman, Tessa McGree,
Volunteer needed, Volunteer needed
Greeter: Dave & Mary Smith
Altar Servers: Volunteers needed



5:00 pm Mass
Lectors: Irene Strauss, Rich Wirak
EMs: Dave Galt, Vicky Galt, Dan Gengler, Mark Deegan, Russ Ehman
Greeters: JoEllen Moon
Altar Servers: Allyne Ochs, Josey Ochs

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2026-27 $ 119,917
FY 2025-26 $ 102,371
Offering up by $ 17,546

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 15 offering	FY 26-27	$ 13,664
	FY 25-26	$ 2,882
ACH (Sept)	FY 26-27	$ 7,495
	FY 25-26	$ 7,793
Give Central (Sept)		
	FY 26-27	$ 4,187
	FY 25-26	$ 2,682

Other Monthly Accumulative for October

Building	$ 935
Rent	$ 1,900
Faith Formation	$ 180
Helping Hands	$ 10
Sacred Heart	$ 4,000
Coffee & Doughnuts	$ 78
Ministry	$ 620

To donate through **Give Central** use the QR code
Questions? Call the Parish Office **406-458-6114**

FREE **FREE**



Any parishioner that would like to take our old Troy-Bilt riding lawn mower please call the parish office. 406-458-6114



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



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.

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.



Wednesday night 6th grade through 12th grade Faith Formation dinner links

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AA9AC2FAAFBC43-65951587-youth

Please join us for young adult fellowship with Devotions on Draft on
October 27th at 7 P.M.
with guest speaker
Fr. Kilian McCaffrey
We will meet at Missouri River Brewery in the upstairs meeting room.

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.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

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

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

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
If you can help with Wish List items please Call Liz 406-443-3663 x104 for details



Phillip D Cart and Sharon A. Littlemore

Thank you from the bottom of my cart!

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE

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

YOUTH All Saint's Day Party

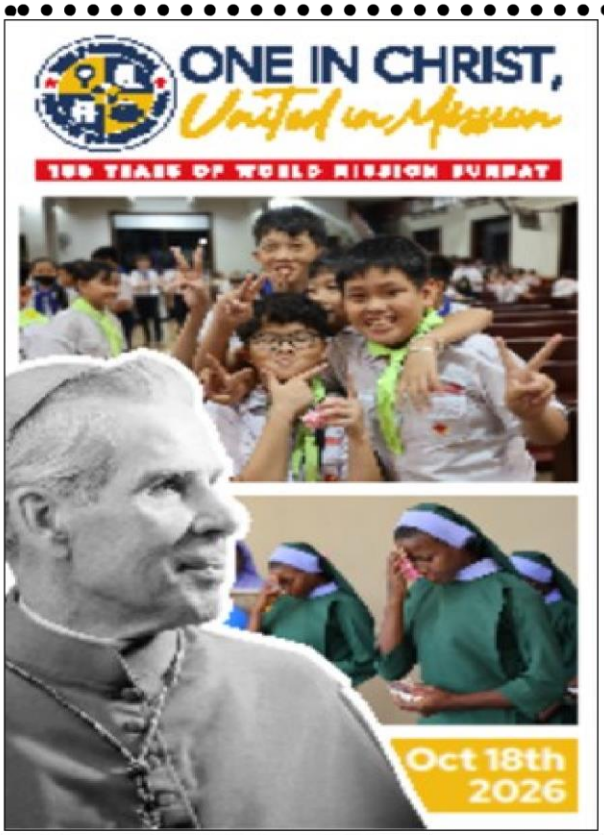
Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM at the Brondel Center

Our Lady of the Valley Parish – Helena, MT

Feasibility Study Mass Announcement #3

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 PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES USA

Prayer of Pope Leo XIV
for the 100th World Mission Sunday 2026

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves.

Amen.

missionsla.org

solaredge

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

Offertory Envelopes

If you have not used envelopes Before and would like to start, please use the sign-up sheet

Questions? Please call the parish office at 458-6114.
No need to re-sign up if you already have envelopes.

Advent BY CANDLELIGHT

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

Fr. Cody's Column

Prayer part 9

Common prayers

Memorare

The Memorare, which comes from the first words of the prayer, remember, is a prayer asking for Mary's intercession. The prayer recalls Mary's unique role in interceding for us since she had the singular honor of being the vessel through which our salvation came into the world. The prayer is:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.



The Glory Be and the Doxology

The Glory Be and the Doxology have similar structures and purposes. Both of these prayers are directed towards the Trinity and emphasize the triune nature of God. This prayer directs our attention to glorifying and praising God. It is simple prayer. Some people make the sign of the cross or bow their heads when praying this prayer as a sign of reverence for God's name. The difference between the Glory Be and the Doxology are in the ending. Notice some details of this prayer. The word "and" is used before each of the persons of the Trinity. This additional "and" makes a point. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is God.

Glory Be:

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and every shall be world without end. Amen.

Doxology:

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Fr. Cody



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

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT – PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Helena is firmly committed to the health, protection, and safety of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. To report allegations of sexual abuse, contact the Diocese of Helena Victim's Advocate at (406)-459-0513 or VictimAssistant@diocesehelena.org.

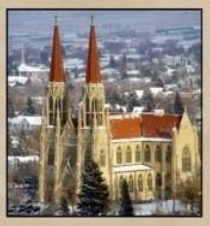
To obtain information about the Diocese's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People through our Safe Environment policies and programs, visit: https://diocesehelena.org/safe-environment

MONTANA
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"To be faithful to God requires a constant battle. Hand-to-hand combat, man to man - the old man against the man of God - in one small thing after another, without giving in." St. Josemaria Escriva

Keynote Speaker:
BEAR WOZNICK
EWTN SHOW HOST
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
CATHOLIC SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE







SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Helena
Brondel Center
530 N Ewing St, Helena, MT 59601

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER HERE

COST: $40
LUNCH INCLUDED

WWW.MTCATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM

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

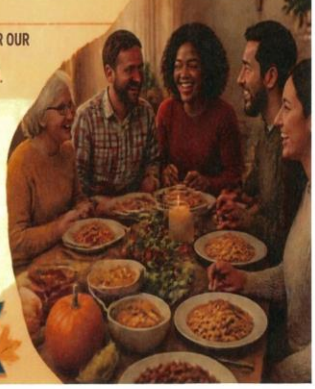
HELENA JOURNEY COMMUNITY WILL BE HAVING A 'GATHERING' SOON AND ARE REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE BY PUBLISHING IN YOUR BULLETIN OR THROUGH MESSAGING SYSTEMS LIKE MYPARISH APP, FLOCKNOTES, OR WEBSITE. WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR...FOOD!!1 DAN O'BRIEN (A CHEF, ALONG WITH HIS PRAYER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

CSSM
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES of Montana

Mental Health FIRST AID from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Increase your knowledge about how to identify, understand, and respond to mental health crises with

Mental Health First Aid

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.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY

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

Don't let your mental health slow you down!

CSSM
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES of Montana

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.



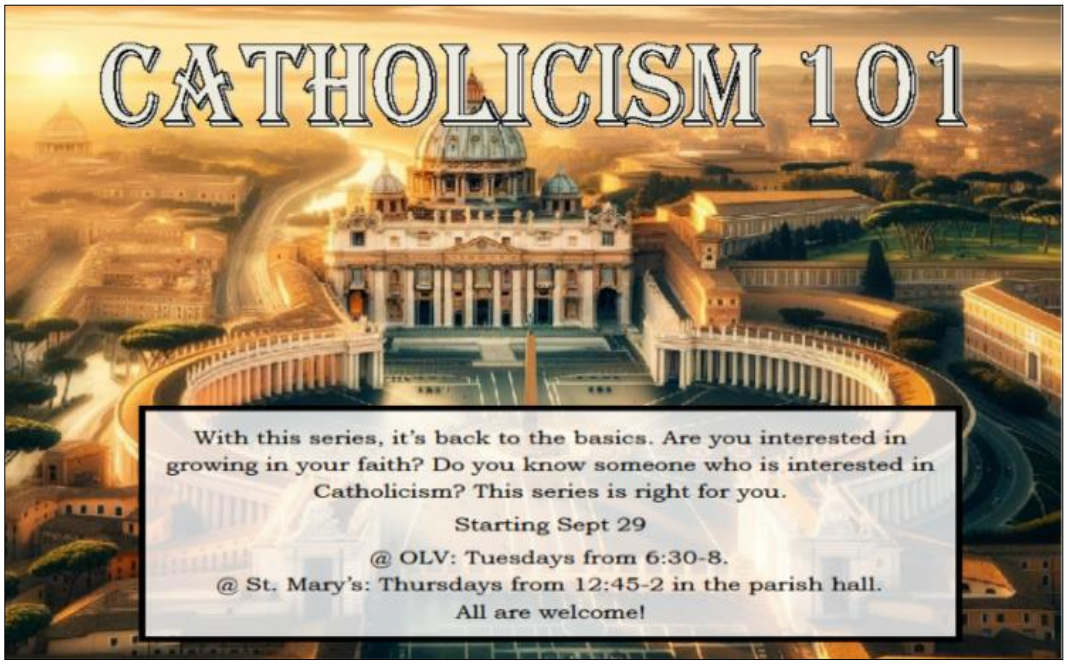
To get started:
Call us at (406)442-4130 or
Message us at cssmt.org.

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*

Communion for the Homebound



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

Be Wary of Scams Related to Our Parish!

Scammers might send you a text or email that looks like it is from Fr. Cody or someone at our parish. Do not reply to these texts or emails! Remember, if Fr. Cody, or anyone at our office, wants to contact you we will do so in a way that you can identify.

Use the S.L.A.M. methd

S – Sender of the email or text.
Do you recognize the number or email address?

L – Links in the message.
Do not use links unless you can verify the message is safe.

A – Attachments to the message.
Do not open attachments unless you can verify the sender.

M – The wording of the Message.
Does it read like a message you would expect or is it strangely worded or the topic (or request) is odd or "off"?

If you have not had an in-person interview for the feasibility study, please mail in the mailer by October 26th. They need them to compile the results.
You instead, could fill out online on our website.



Hospitality Ministers are needed for Coffee & Doughnut Second Sunday Potlucks

On the refrigerator in the kitchen is a sign-up sheet for Sundays that needs to be filled.

A list of instructions will be coming soon.





