This Week Mass Schedule

November 8th
Sunday
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

November 10th
6:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm
Catholicism 101

November 11th
4:00 pm Adoration
4:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass

November 15th
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15th
Sacristan training after 11 am Mass

November 22nd
Greeter and usher training after 11 am Mass

November 25th
Thanksgiving Mass 6:00 pm

November 28th
Advent Tea 3:00 pm





"Therefore, stay awake for you know neither the day nor hour"

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8th Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12—16

Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious, and caring.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13—18

Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1—13

Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor hour."

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10—13, 19—20, 30—31, **1 Thessalonians** 5:1—6, **Matthew** 25:14—30

All Parish meeting today from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm
Come ask questions and hear answers

HELPING HANDS

Join us in sharing the spirit of **Thanksgiving** with our **20 families** at ***Rocky Mountain Headstart***. Your monetary donation will help purchase Thanksgiving grocery cards—a thoughtful way to offer support this holiday season.

Help us continue this annual tradition, which began several years ago. To participate, please pick up a donation envelope from the table in the overflow space or use the QR code to donate.

Thank you for sharing your generosity!

November 8, 2026

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Music Ministry: Rebecca Kagerer
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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

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
Hearing devices are available for anyone who would like to use one. They are in the gift-table drawer.

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen
jeaneen1966@gmail.com

Upcoming Schedule
November 8th – November 15th
The link to join the 11:00 am Livestream Mass is at olvmt.org

Sunday 8th	9:45 am PreK through 5th grade RE
	SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK
	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for the people*
	2:00 pm All Parish Meeting
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Mike Morrison*
Monday 9th	5:30 pm Music Rehearsal
Tuesday 10th	6:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Jason Treib*
	6:30 pm Catholicism 101
Wednesday 11th	4:00 pm Adoration
	4:00 pm Confessions
	5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at SS Cyril's*
	6:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Robert Vaneck*
	6:30 pm 6th grade—12th grade RE
Thursday 12th	8:00 am Soul Core
Sunday 15th	9:45 am PreK through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for Joe & Jackie Campeau*
	After 11 am Mass Sacristan Training
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for the people*



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

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

Youth Group on Wednesday, November 18th will start at **6 pm at St. Mary's**. On this night only, we will be helping put together the Thanksgiving Boxes, creating Blessing Bags, and focusing on service

Feasibility Surveys deadline extended to November 11th.
If you haven't filled out a survey, you still can. Go to the Our Lady of the Valley website at olvmt.org and scroll down until see Feasibility Survey here click on it and answer the questions.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHRJTYS

Parish Registration and Information Update
Register or Update Your Information
You can use this QR code easily to register at our parish.
https://life.onecamino.com/public/home

November 15th
11:00 am Mass
Lectors: Kevin Molm, Erin Bley
EMs: Tessa McGree, Paulette Adams, Shirley Timmerman, Ellen Speranza, **Volunteer needed**
Greeter: Mike & Betty Evans
Altar Servers: Owen Molm, Gwen Tooke

5:00 pm Mass
Lectors: Karolyne Redding, Jim Shea
EMs: Justin Lutgen, Dave Galt, Vicky Galt, Dan Gengler, **Volunteer needed**
Greeter: Mary Lutgen
Altar Servers: **Volunteers needed**

Our Parish Stewardship
Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2026-27 $ 145,516
FY 2025-26 $ 139,614
Offering up by $ 5,903

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 18 offering	FY 2026-27	$ 4,534
	FY 2025-26	$ 5,172
ACH (Oct)	FY 2026-27	$ 7,545
	FY 2025-26	$ 7,663
Give Central (Oct)	FY 2026-27	$ 3,120
	FY 2025-26	$ 1,697

Other Monthly Accumulative for November

Building	$ 705
Faith Formation	$ 180
Helping Hands	$ 10
Coffee & Doughnuts	$ 16

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 Northwestern **Energy**
As of Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 10:00 am OLV ***has produced 74 MWh of energy***
CO2 Emission Saved ***109k lb.***
Equivalent Tree planting 866

Father Cody's Column

Prayer part 12

The Mass as prayer

Often, we think of the Mass as a ritual, a series of prayers said by the priest, or something we do as Catholics. I want to invite you to see the Mass from a new lens. For the next four parts of this series, I am going to focus on the Mass as a prayer and then the Sacraments as prayer.

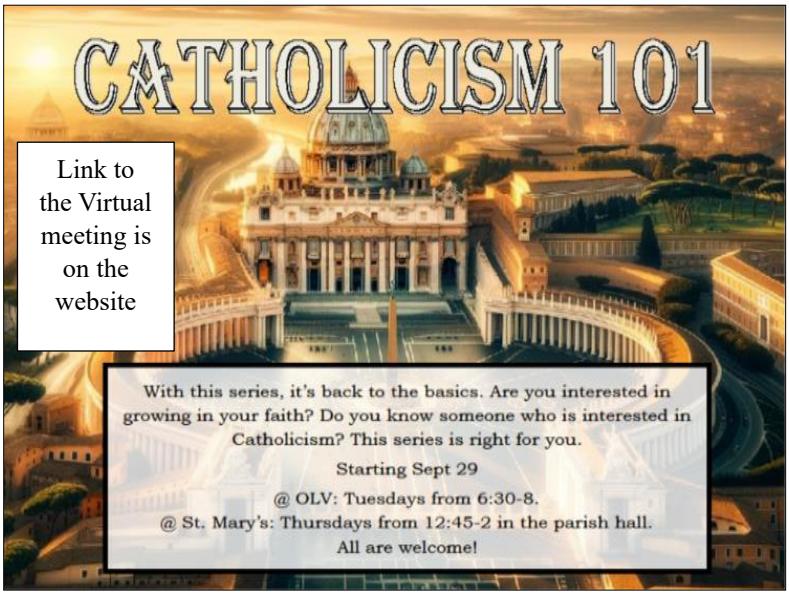
Too often our experience of the Mass as a prayer is that the priest prays the Mass and we watch from the pews. The 2nd Vatican Council was very intentional about bringing back the vibe of the Mass as felt by the earliest Christians. We know from the first centuries of Christianity that when the people gathered for Mass, they understood that they were active participants of the Mass. The earliest texts that we have show, that the people were in a dialogue with the bishop. If we look at the eastern Catholic liturgies, we experience a really strong sense of dialogue between the priest and the people. The same applies to our Mass. The parts that the people and the priest say are not just ways to keep people awake or give us a part. These parts are a dialogue. The priest speaks to the people, and the people speak to the priest. This dialogue mirrors the dialogue of the marriage between Jesus and his Church. As a married couple grows in love and knowledge of each other through talking and sharing life, so does the Church come to know Jesus and Jesus communicates himself to the Church in a dialogue. This first aspect of the Mass as a dialogue shows the prayerful nature of the Mass. We are not just celebrating a ritual; we are speaking with the voice of the Church at prayer with her God.

I want to take this dialogue one step further. Our common experience of this dialogue in the Mass is as a group of people who have memorized these responses and rotely speak them. Yet each response is more than a line of the Mass. These prayers guide us to understand how to pray to God, what to say, and to enter into a deeper and more meaningful dialogue with our God. Take for instance one of the most important, and ancient, dialogues in the Church. "The Lord be with you, and with your Spirit. Lift up your hearts, we lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, it is right and just." What are we saying and doing? This part introduces one of the most important parts of the Mass: The Eucharistic Prayer. In preparation for the re-presentation of the Lord's Passion and death, i.e. the Last Supper, we are invited to join into this event with this dialogue. "The Lord be with you": the words used to announce the Resurrection and as a sign of the Lord' presence. "And with your spirit": be the priest we need, allow the power of Christ's spirit to dwell here with us, may the Spirit who rose Jesus from the dead show himself for us now. "Lift up your heart": may our love for God be strengthened by this event, may our hearts seek the Lord, may our hearts rise with the risen Lord. "We lift them up to the Lord": we are ready, our hearts are with God, we have prepared ourselves for this moment. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God": this entire event reminds us to be grateful, our prayers are of gratitude for what God has done, love grows when we are grateful. "It is right and just": our duty is to praise the Lord, our joy is to be with our God, we want God to be present to us now.

I encourage you to take some time and ponder and pray over the responses we say in the Mass. Each of them can help us understand prayer, guide us in our dialogue with God, and enrich the Mass as a prayerful experience.

More on this soon.

Fr. Cody



Patrick Walsh Kelly
Legendary Lodge Scholarship

Announcement

Our Lady of the Valley is pleased to announce several scholarships through the Patrick Walsh Kelly endowment fund and the generosity of OLV Parishioners.

Aims – The principal aim is to aid those campers from 5th grade through 12th grade in need of registration fees for the 2027 camp year.

Scholarship Award Amount – The scholarship recipients will receive a code that will cover the registration fee. This amount will cover camp if done prior to January 23, 2027. Late fees will not be covered.

Basis of Award – The camper must be a registered Our Lady of the Valley parishioner and have need a scholarship.

How To Apply – Pick up an application at the entryway table of the church. Mail or drop off application to Our Lady of the Valley, 1502 Shirley Rd, Helena, MT 59602. Deadline is December 11, 2026.
For More Information- Call Julie at the office: 406-458-6114





★SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026★

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Help *the Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association* honor American heroes this December!

Volunteer with us as we place sponsored veterans' wreaths at Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison
3550 Heroes Road - center circle
Your $17 sponsorship places a live, balsam wreath.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MT0010P

"REMEMBER ME"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The **2nd annual Mrs. Santa's Kitchen** takes place **Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to noon** at St. Mary social center.

Visit Mrs. Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. Children can decorate cookies and play games in the children's room.

Fill your own plate with cookies for $5 per dozen, then enjoy cookies and conversation with friends in the coffee corner.



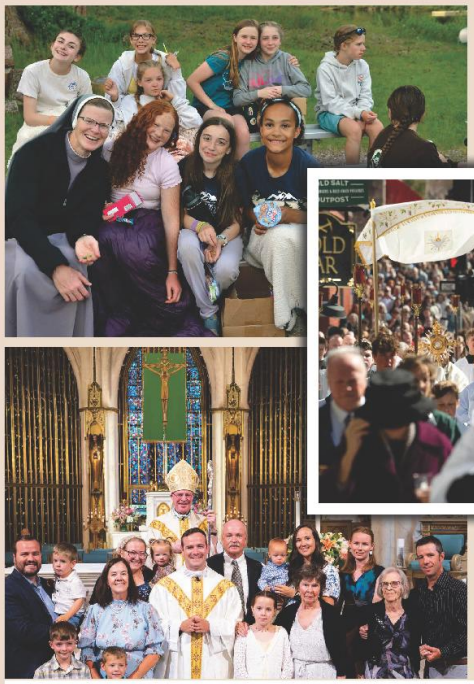
Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Giving Tree.

Introducing the Ministry of Sacristan
Sacristans help with the set up and clean for Mass. Their main goal is to make sure all the vessels, books, and other objects needed for Mass are set up and cleaned up for Mass.

Training will be on November 15th after 11 am Mass



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Though many parts…
One Body *in Christ*
~ Romans 12:5

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Diocese of Helena
diocesehelena.org

WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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PARISH SUPPORT — PASTORAL & MINISTERIAL SUPPORT
RELIEF & HOPE — CATHOLIC FORMATION & EDUCATION

GIVE TODAY AT: DIOCESEHELENA.ORG

Pastoral Council Nominations

We are looking for a new member for the Pastoral Council. As a reminder, the Pastoral Council is an advisory council to help the pastor in making decisions for the parish. The process for finding a new member is as follows:

1. Until December 6th, I will be taking nominations from the parish. These nominations do not count as a vote or that the person will be selected. The parish should have a say in who advises the pastor.
2. After the nomination process has concluded, each nominated person will be asked whether they would like to accept their nomination.
3. Those who accept their nomination will gather together and decide from among them who will be the next member of the pastoral council.

If you would like to submit a nomination, a nomination form and the **RED AND BLACK** box for submitting forms are found on the info table at the black table behind the holy water font.

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



Thank you from the bottom of my cart!



Church	Weekend Mass	Daily Mass
Cathedral	**Saturday** **5:00 pm** **Sunday** **7:30 am** **9:00 am** **11:00 am** ***Rosary after the 7:00 am Mass M-F and before the 9:00 am Mass on Sat***	**Monday: 7:00 am** **Tuesday: 7:00 am & 12:00 pm** ***Confessions 11:15 am-11:45 am*** **Wednesday: 7:00 am & 12:00 pm** **Thursday: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm** ***Confessions 4:45 pm --5:15 pm*** **Friday: 7:00 am** ***Adoration following mass until 12:00 pm*** **Saturday: 9:00 am** ***Adoration following mass until 11:00 am*** ***Confessions following mass until 11:00 am***
Sts Cyril & Methodius East Helena	**Saturday** **4:30 pm** **Sunday** **8:00 am** **10:15 am**	**Monday: 12:00 pm** ***Adoration following mass*** **Wednesday: 12:00 pm** ***Confessions following mass*** **Thursday: 6:30 am** **Friday: 12:00 pm** ***Adoration following mass***
All Saint's Carroll College	**Sunday** **7:00 pm** ***Adoration at Trinity Chapel 7 days a week 12:00—10:00 pm***	**Tuesday: 4:00 pm** ***Confessions 3:00-3:45 pm*** **Wednesday: 9:30 pm** ***Adoration 8:00-9:15 pm*** ***Confessions 8:00-9:15 pm*** **Thursday: 12:30 pm** ***Adoration 10:00 pm Thu—12:00 am Fri*** **Friday: 12:00 pm**
St Mary Catholic Community	**Saturday** ***Confessions 2:30—3:30 pm*** **4:00 pm** **Sunday** **9:00 am**	**Monday 12:10 pm** **Thursday: 12:10 pm on 1st and 2nd Thursday, 3rd, 4th & 5th at Care Facilities** ***Confessions 3:30—5:00 pm***
Our Lady of the Valley	**Sunday** **11:00 am** **5:00 pm**	**Tuesday: 6:00pm** **Wednesday: 6:00 pm** ***Adoration 4:00 — 5:50 pm*** ***Confessions 4:00—5:45 pm***

Masses around Helena



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

Pope's intention for November
For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

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

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.

2027 Envelopes will be out November 22nd!

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.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE

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

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.



Save the Date!

Catholic Women's Conference

April 9 & 10, 2027
Helena Civic Center

Our Mission Statement is "To foster an appreciation for the personal dignity in Christ. To encourage women to know and love God, Jesus and Mary, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society." Our theme for this year's conference is "Jesus in our Midst".



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

National Collection ~ November 15th



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The bishops of the United States founded the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to fight poverty by empowering members of local communities, rather than by offering top-down solutions. Using this approach, CCHD-funded organizations identify the most pressing issues and develop creative solutions that lead to lasting positive changes in the community. They address poverty at its roots.

Access to affordable housing is a challenge for people in neighborhoods across the United States. Housing insecurity is not limited to big cities—it affects people in small towns and rural areas as well. Kentucky's Lewis County, where 23% of residents live below the poverty line, is one example.

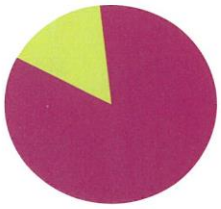
Since 1982, People's Self-Help Housing Inc. (PSHH) has helped residents of Lewis County secure affordable housing by constructing new energy-efficient homes, repairing and rehabilitating existing homes, and maintaining affordable rental units, while also creating jobs by training local residents as carpenters, electricians, and plumbers. Located in the Diocese of Covington and supported by CCHD funding, PSHH shares CCHD's commitment to helping people help themselves.

Your contribution to the CCHD collection helps organizations like PSHH to break the cycle of poverty across the country and in your own neighborhood, where 25% of your contribution remains to support local antipoverty efforts.

Learn more about how CCHD advances the Church's moral and social teaching by empowering communities: visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

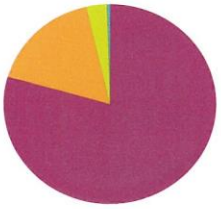
LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

2024 Grants



Category	Dollars	Number of Grants
Community Development Grants	$1,930,000	77
Economic Development Grants	$310,000	13
Total	$2,240,000	90

2024 Expenses



Category	Dollars	Percent
Grants and Donations	$2,282,881	48.59%
Allocations-Internal Grants*	$1,618,856	34.46%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	$471,745	10.04%
Program Costs	$324,641	6.91%
Total Expenses		$4,698,123
Total Expenses Excluding Internal Grants		$3,079,267
Total Grants and Donations Including Internal Grants		$3,901,737

*Internal grants in 2024 included a distribution from the CCHD collection to the education and outreach program of the Secretariat of Justice and Peace, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty. In addition, in November 2024, the CCHD Subcommittee approved three internal grants totaling $277,500 to support key national initiatives within the Secretariat of Justice and Peace to enhance poverty education efforts and to sustain the essential work of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism in promoting equity, healing, and justice within the Church and society.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development | Office of National Collections | www.usccb.org/cchd

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