This Week Mass Schedule

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

November 17th
6:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm
Catholicism 101

November 18th
4:00 pm Adoration
4:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass

November 22nd
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 22nd
Greeter and usher training after 11 am Mass

November 24th
***** NO MASS*****

November 25th
Thanksgiving Mass
6:00 pm

November 28th
Advent Tea 3:00 pm

December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception Mass at 6:00 pm





33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10—13, 19—20, 30—31

A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: "Let her works praise her at the city gates."

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1—6

According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14—30

Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit, "Well done...I will give you great responsibilities."

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22nd Readings

Ezekiel 34:11—12, 15--17, 1 Corinthians 15:20—26, 28, Matthew 25:31—46

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 15, 2026

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10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

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

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 15th – November 22nd

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

Sunday 15th	9:45 am PreK through 5th grade RE
	SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK
	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for Joe & Jackie Campeau*
	Sacristan Training after mass
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for the people*
Monday 16th	6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday 17th	6:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Michel Richard*
	6:30 pm Catholicism 101
Wednesday 18th	4:00 pm Adoration
	4:00 pm Confessions
	5:30 pm *Knights of Columbus Rosary at St Mary's*
	6:00 pm Mass
	6:00 pm 6th grade—12th grade RE ***at St Mary's***
Thursday 19th	8:00 am Soul Core
Sunday 22nd	9:45 am PreK through 5th grade RE
	11:00 am Livestream Mass ✝ *for the people*
	Greeter and Usher Training after mass
	5:00 pm Mass ✝ *for Hugh Black*



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 starts at **6 pm at St. Mary's**. This night only, we'll focus on service by assembling Thanksgiving Boxes and Blessing Bags.

The youth need donations for this week's Blessing Bags, which provide basic supplies to those in need. Needed items include socks, personal care items (toothbrushes and toothpaste), protein drinks, water bottles, band-aids, hand/toe warmers, and gallon-size zip-lock bags. Please leave donations at the office or St. Mary's. Thank you!

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 22nd

11:00 am Mass

Lectors: Tammy Stefanik, Elizabeth Barry

EMs: Jim Sebestyen, Mary Barry, Chan Barry, Deacon Steve Barry, **Volunteer needed**

Greeter: Marlyn MacKenzie

Altar Servers: Charlotte Barry, Cooper Barry

5:00 pm Mass

Lectors: Mary Dolan, Rich Wirak

EMs: Micki Bennett, Sue Hallsten, Connie Bergum, Mark Deegan, Lois Hankins

Greeter: Sheila Hill

Altar Servers: Allyne Ochs, Joey Ochs

Our Parish Stewardship

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering

FY 2026-27 $ 148,992

FY 2025-26 $ 143,448

Offering up by $ 5,544

Income Streams	Year	Amount
Week 18 offering	FY 2026-27	$ 3,476
	FY 2025-26	$ 3,835
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	$ 1,025
Faith Formation	$ 180
Helping Hands	$ 80
Coffee & Doughnuts	$ 40

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
Part 13
Mass as prayer

We are often so familiar with the prayers of the Mass that we forget that the Mass is meant to teach us how to pray. Let me give you some examples of the Mass teaching us to pray so that you can find your own examples.

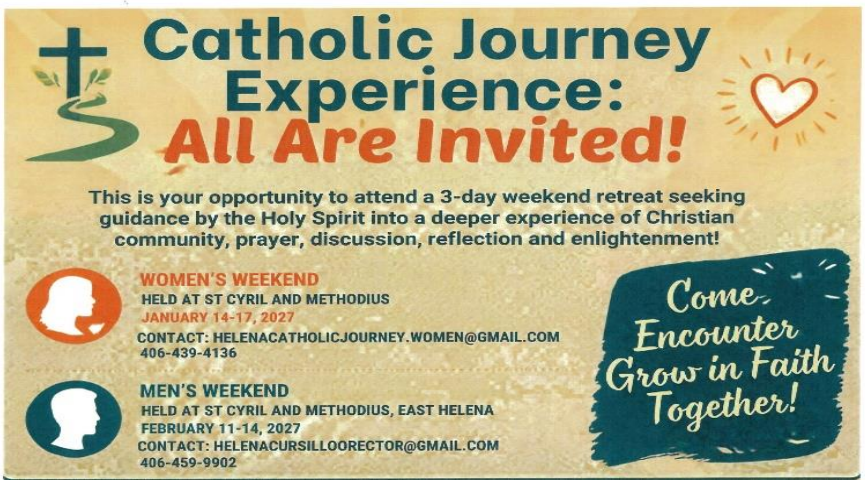
The Presidential Prayers:

Throughout the Mass we have three prayers that are called the Presidential Prayers: the Opening Prayer or Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings which happens at the end of the offertory and before the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Prayer after Communion which happens just before the final blessing. Each of these prayers have a similar structure to show us how to pray. They start with an introduction addressing God. Throughout the year, the introduction changes to match the day, season, or celebration. The same applies to us. The greeting or the introduction for our prayers can be drawn from the Mass: Almighty and merciful God, O God, who manifest your almighty power by pardoning and showing mercy, Look upon us, O God. We have lots of options for how to address God when we pray and the Mass teaches us many options. The same applies to the body of the prayer. Throughout the year, we learn about God in each and every prayer. Simple things like Jesus' coming and his plans to come again, the events of Jesus' life, God's plan for our salvation, how God shows mercy, and the desires of a heart that wants God. We hear all of these types of desires and ideas throughout the prayers of the Mass. Finally, the ending of a prayer. Each prayer of the Mass has an ending specific to who is being addressed in the prayer. If the Father is addressed, then the prayer ends with something like "Through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son." If Jesus or the Spirit is addressed, then the prayer ends with "Through Christ our Lord." The Mass teaches us many options for crafting our own prayers or adjusting our prayers to reflect different aspects of God or the desires of our heart.

The Structure of the Mass:

One of the aspects of prayer we often don't think about is the directionality of prayer. Who are we praying to? Why are we praying? Who hears our prayers? During the Mass we make some strong distinctions in who we are praying to. When we honor a Saint, the prayer always focuses on the qualities of the Saint that show us something about God. We don't pray to the Saint but honor God for what he did in the life of that Saint. Additionally, when we pray, our prayers have a directionality. As mentioned above, when we pray to the Father, we end the prayer with "through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord." Since Jesus is the link between us and the Father, we pray through him to reach the Father. Is this exclusive? No. But is tells us about the nature of God in our prayers. Jesus gives everything he has to the Father; everything goes to the Father. We pray in the Spirit, through the Son, to the Father. The Father gave us his Spirit so that we can have the words to pray and the inspiration we need in prayer. Jesus became the special link which links our humanity to God's divinity. Then all prayers go to God. Either the Son, Spirit, or Father receives them but regardless they are to God. This may seem strange that the Son, who is God, and the Spirit, who is God, cannot receive our prayers. This is not so. The structure of the plan of salvation is for everything to be in the Father. Therefore, in the Mass we make a point that everything goes to the Father to help us understand and live this reality.

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
3350 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.



2027 Envelopes will be out next Sunday!

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.

Advent Little Blue Books will be available next Sunday. Advent begins November 29th!

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".



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! Phillip J. Cart and Sharon A. Littlemore

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

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.

VATICAN NEWS

Current Vatican News
To read the latest Vatican news, choose one of the following options:
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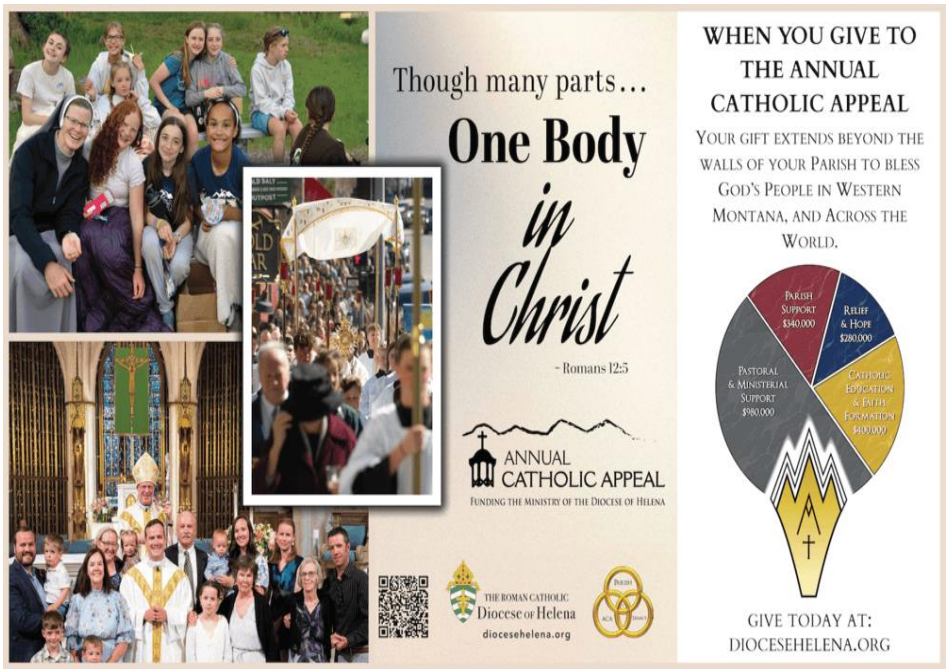


Book of Remembrance is available in the Gathering Space.

Please write names of deceased family members and friends who have passed this last year or whose names have not been previously entered whom you would like to keep in prayer and remembrance during the month November.

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.

Kitchen has unclaimed dishes. If you are missing a dish, please look in the kitchen



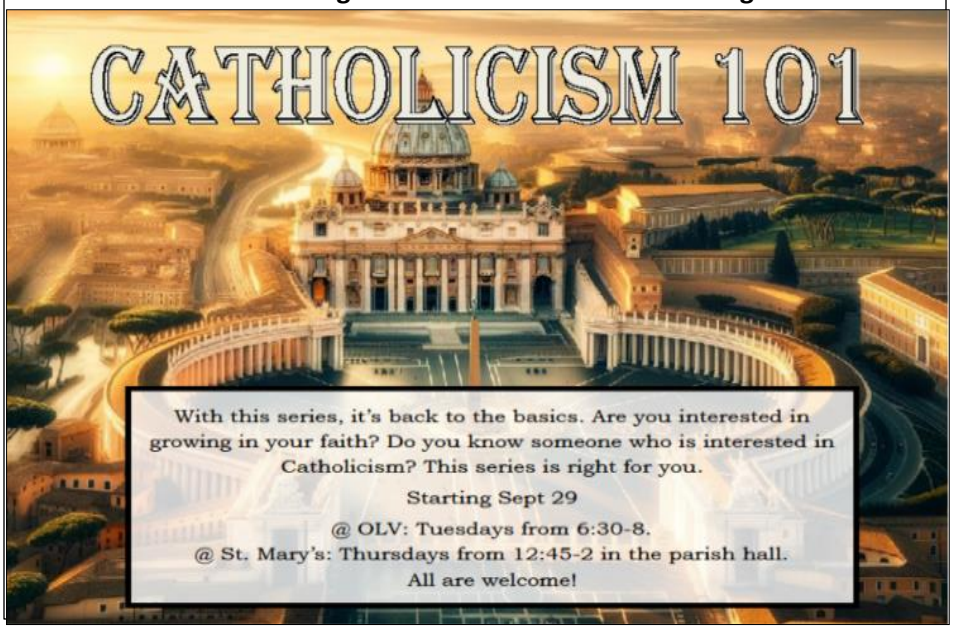
Pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

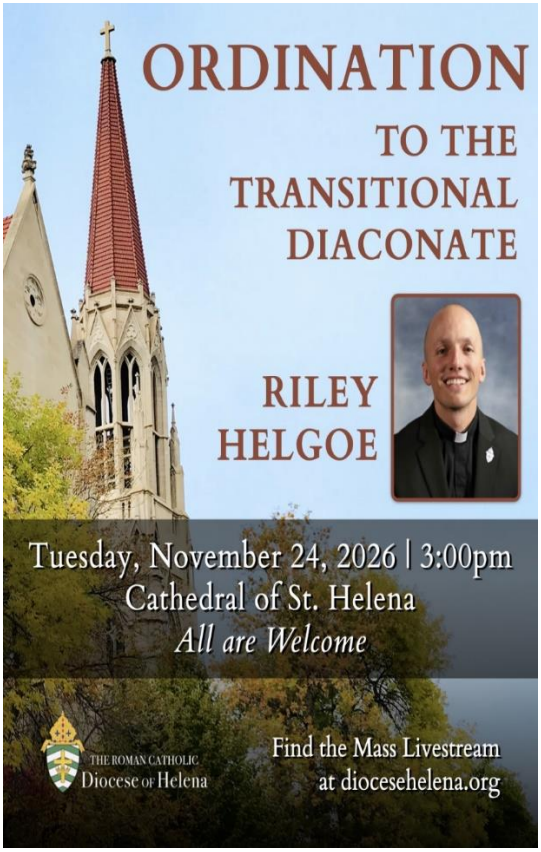
SEMINARIANS
FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

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

Link to the Virtual Meeting link is on the website. olvmt.org







Greeter and usher training next Sunday after the 11 am Mass

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

will start practicing November 29th after the 11 am Mass and every Sunday of Advent.

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.

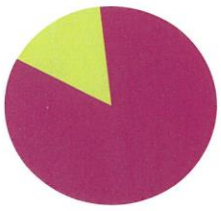
Since 1982, People's Self-Help Housing Inc. (PSHH) has helped residents of Lewis County secure affordable housing by constructing new energy-efficient homes, repairing and rehabilitating existing homes, and maintaining affordable rental units, while also creating jobs by training local residents as carpenters, 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.

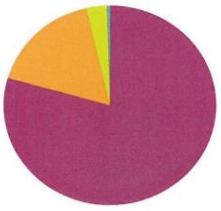
LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

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.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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

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