

Fr. Dan Shea, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Steve Barry, Pastoral Administrator
Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior Status)



SACRED HEART CHURCH
125 Walsh St Wolf Creek, MT

Sacred Heart Church

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Monday-Friday

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Parish Office Staff

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Youth Ministry

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Music Ministry

Maggie Brennan

RCIA

Dennis O'Reilly 406-266-1181
Carleen Layne 406-594-6489

Finance Council Members

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| Bob Bennett | JoAnne Canney |
| Dan Gengler | Charlotte McMilin |
| Sharon Richetti | Larry Thomas (Chair) |

Pastoral Council Members

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| Hugh & Mary Grace Black | Silvana Hackett |
| Pat & Hanna Marron | Rose Morrison |
| Dennis Mayernik (Chair) | John Ries |

Baptism Classes

January-April-July-October (Contact Parish Office)
Next class January 15, 2023 at 9:15
in the Conference Room

Marriage Preparation

6 months' notice required (Contact Parish Office)

HEARING DEVICES are available for anyone interested in using them. They are located in the drawer beneath the holy water font.

Weekend Eucharist

OLV Saturdays 6:00 pm
Sundays 8:00 am, 10:30 am (live-streamed)

Wolf Creek Saturdays 3:00 pm
1st and 3rd Saturdays November through April
Every Saturday May through October

Weekday Eucharist

OLV Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Reconciliation

OLV Wednesdays **5:30 pm** or by appointment



Go and tell John what you hear and see.

—Matthew 11:4

he
will
prepare
your
way
before
you

3rd Sunday of Advent Today's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1—6a, 10

The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

2nd Reading: James 5:7—10

"Be patient until the coming of the Lord," said the author of the letter of James. "The Judge is standing before the gates." Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord's name.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.

4th Sunday of Advent December 18th Readings

Isaiah 7:10—14
Romans 1:1—7
Matthew 1:18—24



LOW
GLUTEN HOSTS
are available.
Please contact the
parish
office at
406-458-6114
to inquire.

A Welcoming Community

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

December 10th — December 18th, 2022

Saturday 10th 10:00 am First Reconciliation

3:00 pm No Wolf Creek Mass

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday 11th 8:00 am Mass for Ted Flemming 17th Anniversary

Bishop Vetter visit refreshments after Mass

9:15 am PreK-6th grade classes FF area

10:30 am Live Stream Mass "missa pro populo"

Tuesday 13th 6:30 pm Penance Service

Wednesday 14th 5:30 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Space

7:00 pm 7th-12th grade FF area Ugly Sweater Party

Thursday 15th 1:30 pm Soul Core FF area

Saturday 17th 3:00 pm Wolf Creek Mass

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday 18th 8:00 am Mass for Raymond Callahan

9:15 am PreK-6th grade classes Christmas Event

10:30 am Live Stream Mass "missa pro populo"

The link to join the 10:30 am streaming Mass is at olymt.org

OLV Parishioners, if you are struggling financially and would like help with your upcoming Christmas meal, please contact Deacon Steve at (406) 431-8452.



Please join us in the Gathering Space after the 8 am Mass for refreshments as we welcome Bishop Vetter to Our Lady of the Valley

Decorating Opportunities at OLV!

The Liturgical Environment Committee would like to invite volunteers to help with decorating for the Advent and Christmas season. Check below for the dates and

December dates

Nativity set up ~ Monday 12th at 1 pm

Finish set up ~ Friday 16th at 11 am

Christmas set up ~ Thursday 22nd at 11 am

Finish set up

~ Friday 23rd at 11 am

Help to take down in January Dates TBD



Please remember in prayer our seminarians and for more priestly vocations.

- ♦ Carter Anderson
- ♦ Dillon Armstrong
- ♦ Shae Bills
- ♦ Lane Buus
- ♦ John Cooney
- ♦ Riley Helgoe
- ♦ Matthew Keck
- ♦ Kaleb Mitchell
- ♦ Alex Olmes
- ♦ Anthony Olmes
- ♦ Jack Peed
- ♦ Brett Rotz
- ♦ James Semling
- ♦ Jamie Severson
- ♦ Deacon Kyle Tannehill



WELCOME

The Suttons
Zach, Bridget, Emilia, & Charlie

Help for Christmas

Come one, come all and sign up for your help is needed for the up and coming masses.

Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, Greeters, ushers and more.

Put your name down and I'll find something for you to do.

Signup sheets are on the table in the Gathering Space.

Advent prayer
Email prayer requests to
Jeaneen at
jeaneen1966@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

| | Our Lady of the Valley | Cathedral of St. Helena | St Mary Catholic Community | Ss. Cyril & Methodius |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Christmas Eve Sat 12/24 | 3 pm 6 pm | 5 pm | 5:30 pm 10 pm | 4 pm 6 pm |
| Christmas Day Sun 12/25 | 9 am | 7:30 am 9 am 11 am | 9 am | 9 am |



Faith Formation

PreK-6th grade

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| December 11th | Class |
| December 18th | Christmas event |
| December 25th | No class |
| January 1st | No class |
| January 8th | Class |

Becky Tooke
406-461-2995
David Casey
406-443-4750



7th grade - High School

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| December 14th | Ugly Sweater Party | Faith Formation Area |
| December 21st | No class | Christmas break |
| December 28th | No class | Christmas break |
| January 4th | Class | Faith Formation Area |
| January 11th | ICE SKATING | Memorial Park 6:30-8:00 |

A Thank you from Headstart

Children's Liturgy of the Word



No Children's
Liturgy of the Word
December 18th,
25th and
January 1st!

2023 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your 2023 envelopes
on the counter in front of the office.

If you have not used envelopes before
and would like to start, please use the
yellow sign-up sheet and help yourself
to an unlabeled packet.

Questions? Please call the parish office



November 22, 2022
Dear Tammy and Member of Our Lady of
the Valley Catholic Church,

Thank you for
providing so much
carefully-selected food, grocery
gift cards, and gas cards
for 25 Head Start families.
Many hearts and bellies are full
as a result of your generosity.
A huge thanks to Tammy for
her coordination work and
stewardship. We at Head
Start are very
grateful!

Jim Higgins
Singer
David Johnson
Cindy Johnson

Joyce Fox
Doris Carlson
Thompson



Warm Hearts drive for new blankets & towels to gift the
poor on Valentine's Day will be starting the drive at OLV
December 31- January 29th. Look for the box coming soon!
~new twin blankets, bath & hand towels and washcloths.

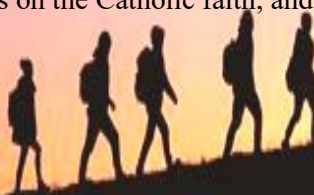
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena

What are YOU looking for?

Looking for a weekend to deepen your spirituality? Give yourself a 3-day
Christmas gift! No cooking or cleaning, all that is done for you. All you do
is enjoy your connections with other faith filled women and the Lord.

The new Catholic Journey is for Catholics who are seeking a deeper
understanding and commitment to their role as laity in the church. We also
invite non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics of other Christian
denominations, and even those of non-Christian faith or no faith to attend.
It is an opportunity to experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality as
lived in a group of Catholic laity, who share with them the Catholic
Community, reflections on the Catholic faith, and Catholic prayer.

Weekends will be held
at St Cyril and
Methodius Church in
East Helena



Women's weekend
January 12-15

starting 7 pm
Thursday evening
ending at 4:30 pm on
Sunday

Contact Mary Munger 406-949-1870
Darvin Eckert 406-594-6055

Men's weekend February 16-19

Saturday Rosary

at the Cathedral
8:30 am



Sponsored by K of C 844



ANNUAL
CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Goal
\$57,600

Pledged
\$38,055 (66%)

Participation
111 of 560
households
(20%)

As of 12/2/22

Jesus
is Alive!



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

SAT 6 PM

SUN 8 AM

SUN 10:30 AM

December 10 – December 11

Lectors: Edee Nehl
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Steve Barry
 Dave Galt
 Reid Christensen
 Greeters: Volunteers welcome
 Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome

Trish Bartz, Ed Beall
 Deacon Steve Barry
 John Hallsten
 Sue Hallsten
 Bob & Micki Bennett
 Lucas Marron, Elli Marron

Kevin Molm, Suzanne Seburn
 Deacon Steve Barry
 Karen Bourquin
 JoAnne Canney
 Shirley Timmerman
 Layna Newhouse, Gwen Tooke

December 17 – December 18

Lectors: Jim Shea
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Steve Barry
 Mike Latka
 Cathy Haag
 Greeters: Volunteers welcome
 Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn

Rich Wirak, Pat Verzani
 Deacon Steve Barry
 Kathie Williams
 Al Williams
 JoEllen Moon
 Annie Snellman, Lillian Rowley

Judy Palmquist, Chris McGonigle
 Deacon Steve Barry
 Shirley Timmerman
 Deacon Randy Fraser
 Dave & Mary Smith
 Evie Mayernik, Corbin Burk

Bread Bakers (All Masses): Sharon Richetti Dec 17 — 18, 24 (Christmas) Up next Laura Barry Dec 24 — 25 (Christmas)

Advent Tea Thank you!

Thank you to the Planning Committee for the Advent Tea and for a Spirit-moved and filled opportunity to share the story of Uganda's Tender Mercies Children's Home in Kayunga. AIDSPIRIT USA and I bless the attendees for their kind generosity in raising \$2225. You were a wonderful audience and I look forward to sharing current news of our children upon my return in late January.

Sincerely,
 Gretchen
 Rooney



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 443-3663 x104 for details



Thank you from the bottom of my cart!

Phillip D. Cart and Sharon A. Littlemore

November 167 lbs.

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God." (Isaiah 35:4)

This is a message we hear throughout this season of Advent, encouraging us to trust the Lord. We all have reasons we might feel afraid, and we all can receive the Lord's grace to strengthen our anxious hearts.

--theWORD among us

More ways to help **Helena Food Share** go to helenafoodshare.org



You are invited ~

We will celebrate Fr. Dan's birthday after every Mass the weekend of **January 7th and 8th!**

Come and share the gift of laughter with Fr. Dan.

Bring your funny joke or story and place it in the birthday joke box!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Today!

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please give generously.

Our Parish Stewardship

Weekly Offertory

December 4, 2022 \$ 5,909

NEW ParishSOFT Giving \$ 1,301

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering (July 1 to date)

December 5, 2021 \$ 175,125

December 4, 2022 \$ 171,721

(Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)





OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH

ADVENT PENANCE LITURGY

Preparation Guide

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm

All sin either wounds or destroys some aspect of a relationship: your relationship with God, your relationship with others, and/or your relationship with yourself. Before going to Reconciliation, take the time to pray about these areas of your life. Whatever your sins, know that Christ is waiting to heal you and restore you to holiness.

Relationship with God

How have I failed to worship God in private and communal prayer?

- ♦ Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- ♦ Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- ♦ Do I value the sacrament of reconciliation?
- ♦ Have I tried to grow in my faith through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- ♦ Do I pray daily?
- ♦ Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

How have I failed to use the gifts of God in daily living?

- ♦ Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- ♦ Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- ♦ Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?
- ♦ Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- ♦ Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

Relationship with Others

How have I failed in my relationships with others?

- ♦ In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- ♦ Do I treat my parents with respect?
- ♦ Am I ever angry with those I love?
- ♦ Have I been faithful in my relationships?
- ♦ Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights? Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?

- ♦ Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- ♦ Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?
- ♦ Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?

Relationship with Yourself and the World

Have I failed to share God's love with the world?

- ♦ Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- ♦ When I saw someone hungry, did I give them food?
- ♦ When I saw someone thirsty, did I give them drink?
- ♦ When I saw someone needing clothing, did I clothe them?
- ♦ When I saw a stranger, did I welcome them?
- ♦ When someone was homebound or imprisoned, did I visit them?
- ♦ When someone was ill, did I care for them?
- ♦ Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?
- ♦ Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

God who is infinitely merciful pardons all who are repentant and takes away their guilt. Confident in his goodness, let us ask him to forgive all our sins as we confess them with sincerity of heart.

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.