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Deacon Steve Barry  
Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior Status)



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Rebecca Kagerer

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Dennis Mayernik 406-450-6462

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**Finance Council Members**

Bob Bennett

JoAnne Canney

Dan Gengler

Jim McKeon

Charlotte McMilin

Sharon Richetti

**Larry Thomas Chair**

**Pastoral Council Members**

Silvana Hackett

Eric Hall

**Hanna Marron Chair**

Pat Marron

Mike Newhouse

Kevin Ochs

John Ries

**Baptism Class:**

January-April-July-October  
(Contact Parish Office)

**Marriage Preparation**

6 months' notice required (Contact Parish Office)



When  
did  
we  
see  
you  
hungry  
or  
thirsty

**Weekend Eucharist**

**OLV**

Saturdays 6:00 pm

Sundays 8:00 am, &  
10:30 am (live-streamed)

**Sacred Heart Mission at Wolf Creek**

Suspended

**Weekday Eucharist**

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Visit our website for updates

**Reconciliation**

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

or by appointment

Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or  
naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?  
—Matthew 25:44

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 26th Readings**

**1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11—12, 15—17**

The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark."

I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20—26, 28**

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31—46**

As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least... you did for me."



**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3rd Readings**

Isaiah 63:16b—17, 19b; 64:2—7

1 Corinthians 1:3—9

Mark 13:33—37

# A welcoming community

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

November 25th — December 3rd, 2023

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

Saturday 25th	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass for Caring Hearts Ministry
Sunday 26th	8:00 am	Mass for John & Marilyn Driver
	10:30 am	Live Stream Mass for the people
Tuesday 28th	6:30 pm	Music Ministry Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Soul Core FFA
Wednesday 29th	5:30 pm	Reconciliation
	6:30 pm	Mass for Cliff Richard
	7:00 pm	7th-12th Faith Formation FFA
	7:00 pm	OCIA CR
Thursday 30th	1:30 pm	Soul Core FFA
Saturday 2nd	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass for Duane Bakken
Sunday 3rd	8:00 am	Mass for Lisa Verzani
	9:15 am	PreK- 5th grade RE FFA
	10:30 am	Live Stream Mass for the people

The link to join the 10:30 am streaming Mass is at [olymt.org](http://olymt.org)

## PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

We discovered that the layout was not right. Our apologies. We will be correcting them and we will let you know when they are in.

## Pastoral COUNCIL

Thank you to all the members of the Pastoral Council!  
A special thank you to the following members who have served on the council and are stepping down  
**Hugh & Mary Grace Black, Rose Morrison  
Dennis Mayernik**

Well done my good and faithful servants!  
-Mathew 25:21

## Welcome New Members

**Eric Hall, Mike Newhouse, Kevin Ochs**  
Secretary: Christine Garbien  
New Pastoral Council Chair: Hanna Marron



**Dennis Mayernik** will be doing a different role in the church as  
**Liturgical Ministers Coordinator.**  
He will help train, answer questions and manage ministers.

Thank you Dennis for saying yes!



**December 10th  
after 10:30 Mass**

**Bishop Vetter to visit OLV December 10th  
at the 10:30 Mass for  
a New Priest Installation Service for  
Father Bart.**

## Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

We provide the chicken you bring a side salad  
Or dessert or both.  
Please sign up on the table in the  
Gathering Space.



*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.*

Pray

Email prayer requests to Jeaneen  
at [jeaneen1966@gmail.com](mailto:jeaneen1966@gmail.com)

## Celebrations

- 11/9 Laura Barry birthday
- 11/11 Dennis & Lori Mayernik  
45 years of marriage
- 11/11 Don Driver birthday
- 11/13 Gerry & Bonnie Hagengruber  
58 years of marriage
- 11/22 Kim Kradolfer birthday
- 11/26 Steve Kilbreath & Kathleen Stevens  
23 years of marriage

Call the parish office or fill out the form in the  
Gathering Space



## Altar Server Training

Saturday, December  
16th after the Vigil Mass  
Or  
Sunday, December 17th  
after the 10:30 Mass

## Eucharistic Ministers and Lector training

Saturday, December  
16th after the Vigil Mass  
Or  
Sunday, December 17th  
after Masses  
For all current ministers  
and those that  
have been called



# Updates

As we enter the new Church year and the start of the Advent season, there will be a few updates coming for Our Lady of the Valley. I do not think that they are necessarily extreme in any manner, but they are necessary nevertheless. For many years parish volunteers have made the bread used at most masses. For all those who are and have been involved, this has been a tremendous effort and a generous gift from every person who has participated. To all who have volunteered in this ministry, your offerings of love and talent in baking is deeply appreciated and the parish offers you all its gratitude. The Church is clear on the quality and manner that our Eucharistic bread is prepared, remembering that every visible crumb is Jesus Christ Himself. Thus, Bishop Vetter has strongly indicated that he desires all parishes in the Diocese utilize bread made "out of house" just as our wine is made "out of house." This is in order to achieve a higher quality and consistency throughout the Diocese in the substance of bread that is to become the Lord.

For centuries in the Church, these altar breads have been carefully prepared by religious sisters to support their lives of prayer and service in their important vocations. The Bishop has also requested that we obtain our bread from a religious community if at all possible. The Benedictine Sisters of Clyde, MO have already been providing us with our low-gluten altar breads and hosts for the sick. They are always asking for ongoing support to continue their hidden life, so we will begin to obtain all of our altar breads from them. This will help them and will achieve the requested consistency concerning this matter. Practically, the bread will look a little different, but remember it is still most importantly Jesus Christ who gives us the greatest gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Secondly, in 2011 "The General Instruction of the Roman Missal" was updated. Herein it was indicated that precious metal is now required to hold any bread or wine that has been consecrated at mass into the Body and Blood of Christ. The time for this update has arrived and we have obtained silver pewter vessels that will replace certain glassware that has been previously used to hold the Body and Blood of Christ. This entire liturgical set has been generously donated by a gift from the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in Helena. The parish offers its gratitude for the Knights generosity in helping the parish implement this update without incurring any additional cost for OLV.

Finally, as a specific request from Pope Francis, the Bishop has expressed that we purposefully engage in a little more silent time surrounding the Eucharistic liturgy. Across the Diocese of Helena, weekend masses will begin with a few purposeful extra moments of prayerful silence. Before the silence, a Diocesan prayer from St. Anselm will be prayed to ask God for blessing over the next few years as we engage "A Campaign for Life in the Diocese of Helena." This will slightly alter the manner in which mass will start, but the gathered community will be led by a lector each time to help avoid confusion.

I certainly recognize that change can be quite challenging as we move forward into the future. Many of us have wonderful fond memories of the recent years, and modification may bring a little grief and sadness. Sometimes it is easy to just stick to the past. But the Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Church is always moving forward, and so from age to age the updates that change brings are inevitable. But our eternal God is changeless, and we remember that as we worship Our Creator and Redeemer, we are led forward by the promise of the Holy Spirit into a future directed toward Jesus Christ. Please know of my deepest appreciation for your patience, your cheerfulness, your joyful worship, your tireless service, and generosity as we pass into this new season of faith. May God provide you and yours with many beautiful Advent blessings.



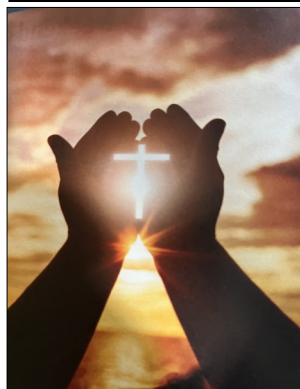
*Fr. Bart*

## ***Catholic Journey Experience: All are welcome!***

This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

**Men's weekend** held at **St Cyril and Methodius: January 11-14th 2024**  
Contact [Helenacursillorector@gmail.com](mailto:Helenacursillorector@gmail.com)

**Women's weekend** held at **St Cyril & Methodius: February 15-18, 2024**  
Contact: [helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com](mailto:helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com)



**2023-2024 Calendar of Events OYYAM**

**Dec 1-3: CYC Board #3 (Deer Lodge)**



While it can be hard to let go of our ideas or plans,  
Jesus wants us to trust him in the unexpected.  
—the WORD among us

# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

**SAT 6 PM**

**SUN 8 AM**

**SUN 10:30 AM**

## November 25 – November 26

Lectors: Don Pratt  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Latka  
Mark Deegan  
Reid Christensen

Greeters: Volunteers welcome  
Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome

Rich Wirak, Barbara Moore  
Pat Marron  
Paul Tschida  
Mary Vogl  
Linda Juvik  
Lutgen  
John & Sue Hallsten  
Samantha & Lucas Marron

Carol Chisholm, Suzanne Seburn  
Paulette Adams  
JoAnne Canney  
Marianne Hamel  
Wanda White  
Teresa Sing  
Dylan & Sara Berg  
Emery Hash, Owen Molm

## December 2 – December 3

Lectors: Karolyne Redding  
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Jones  
Peggy Pillman  
Mike Morrison

Greeters: Volunteers welcome  
Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome

Pat Verzani, Ed Beall  
Al Williams  
Kathie Williams  
John Hallsten  
Sue Hallsten  
Bruce Coen  
Norma Stoltz  
Joey & Allyne Ochs

Chris McGonigle, Kevin Molm  
Cassandra Jimenez  
Katie Smith  
Katie Sorensen  
Volunteer needed  
Volunteer needed  
Shirley Timmerman  
Layna Newhouse, Gwen Tooke

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception Vigil	December 7th	6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Mass	December 8th	11 AM
<b>Bishop Vetter:</b> Priest Installation for Father Bart Potluck after Mass	December 10th	10:30 Mass
Advent Reconciliation	December 19th	6:15-7:15 PM
4th Sunday of Advent one Sunday morning Mass	December 23rd December 24th	6 PM 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve Masses	December 24th	4 PM & 7 PM
Christmas Day Mass	December 25th	9:30 AM
Holy Family Mass one Sunday morning Mass	December 30th December 31st	6 PM 9:30 AM
Mary, Mother of God Vigil <i>No Mass January 1st</i>	December 31st	4 PM
<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	January 6th & 7th	Regular schedule

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

♦ **Carter Anderson**  
♦ **Matthew Keck**  
♦ **Anthony Olmes**  
♦ **James Semling**

St Paul Seminary School of Divinity  
2260 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105

♦ **Dillon Armstrong**  
♦ **Shae Bills**  
♦ **Lane Buus**  
♦ **John Cooney**  
♦ **Riley Helgoe**  
♦ **Kaleb Mitchell**  
♦ **Brett Rotz**  
♦ **Jamie Severson**

St Vianney Theological Seminary  
1300 S Steele, Denver, CO 80210-2599

♦ **Kaleb Mitchell**  
♦ **Brett Rotz**

North American College  
00120 Vatican City



**Christmas Giving time is here!** Are you or your family interested in helping purchase and deliver food or gifts for a family from the Head Start program? Look for envelopes at the back of the church or contact Tammy Stefanik at 406-459-2791 for more information.

**Helping Hands!**

### OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 19, 2023 \$ 9,200

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering  
(July 1 to date)

November 20, 2022 \$ 178,626

November 19, 2023 \$ 170,969

(Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

**THANK YOU!**



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HIRING**

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