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Deacon Steve Barry
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Rebecca Kagerer

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Finance Council Members

Bob Bennett JoAnne Canney
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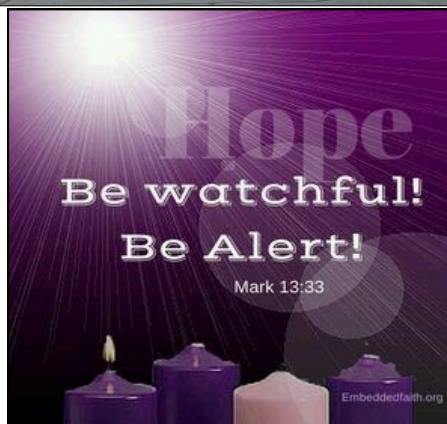
Silvana Hackett Eric Hall
Hanna Marron Chair Pat Marron
Mike Newhouse Kevin Ochs
John Ries

Baptism Class: January 14, 2024 9:15 am

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

Marriage Preparation

6 months' notice required (Contact Parish Office)



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

Advent Adoration

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm

NEW!

**1st Sunday of Advent
December 3rd Readings**

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b—17, 19b; 64:2—7

Isaiah prophesied, "All good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves.... We are the clay and you are the potter: we are the work of your hands."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3—9

Paul wrote, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Gospel: Mark 13:33—37

Jesus said. "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.... Watch, therefore "whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow, or sunrise. "Watch!"

What

I

say

to

all

Watch



A welcoming community

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

December 2nd — December 10th, 2023

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

Saturday 2nd	6:00 pm Vigil Mass <i>for Duane Bakken</i>
Sunday 3rd	8:00 am Mass <i>for Lisa Verzani</i>
	9:15 am PreK-5th grade RE FFA
	10:30 am Live Stream Mass <i>for the people</i>
Tuesday 5th	6:30 pm Soul Core FFA
Wednesday 6th	5:30 pm Reconciliation
	5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30 pm Mass <i>for Agnes Burchett</i>
	7:00 pm 7th-12th Faith Formation FFA
	7:00 pm OCIA CR
Thursday 7th	1:30 pm Soul Core FFA
	6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
Friday 8th	11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
Saturday 9th	6:00 pm Vigil Mass <i>for John & Marilyn Driver</i>
Sunday 10th	8:00 am Mass <i>for Funeral Luncheon Ministry</i>
	9:15 am PreK- 5th grade RE FFA
	10:30 am Live Stream Mass <i>for the people</i>
	10:30 am Bishop Vetter New Priest Installation Service with potluck after Mass



Advent Adoration

will start on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 pm until 6:20 pm. Please no talking in the church during that time as it is a prayerful time.

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

POTLUCK DINNER

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.

You can pick the Advent Little Blue Book next to the 2024 Offertory Envelopes. Suggested offering \$1



Email prayer requests to Jeanneen at jeaneen1966@gmail.com

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception Vigil	December 7th	6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Mass	December 8th	11 AM
Bishop Vetter: 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

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 envelopes in the Gathering Space!

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

Questions? Please call the parish office at 406-458-6114.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

GREAT NEWS!

The directories have been okayed for reprint. We will let you know when the second edition comes in! Those of you that have received them just ask for a new one.

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 the Masses
For all current ministers and those that have been called

11/22 Kim Kradolfer birthday
11/26 Steve Kilbreath & Kathleen Stevens
23 years of marriage
11/27 Ronnie Miller 81 years old
12/12 Clayton & Catherine See
11 years of marriage
Call the parish office or fill out the form in the Gathering Space



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.



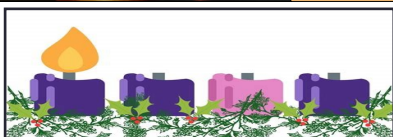
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Catholic Journey Experience: All are welcome!

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

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



1st Sunday of Advent

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

SAT 6 PM

SUN 8 AM

SUN 10:30 AM

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
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Shirley Timmerman
Layna Newhouse, Gwen Tooke

December 9 – December 10

Lectors: Jim Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Galt
Vicky Galt
Mark Deegan

Greeters: Jere & Kay Hoy
Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn

Bob Bennett, Catherine See
Mary Grace Black
Teri Flemming
Emily Frazier
Barbara Moore
Stephen Moore
Fred & Pat Verzani
Beth & Natalie Lutgen

Keith Kelly, Aurora Sebestyen
Deacon Steve Barry
Shirley Timmerman
Karen Bourquin
Jim Sebestyen
JoAnne Canney
Dave & Mary Smith
Josey & Natalee Tiensovold



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.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2023 \$ 3,436
November 27, 2023 online \$ 11,367

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering
(July 1 to date)

November 27, 2022 \$ 198,580
November 26, 2023 \$ 185,772

Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

THANK YOU!

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

♦ **Carter Anderson** St Paul Seminary School of
♦ **Matthew Keck** Divinity
♦ **Anthony Olmes** 2260 Summit Ave,
♦ **James Semling** St Paul, MN 55105

♦ **Dillon Armstrong**
♦ **Shae Bills**
♦ **Lane Buus** St Vianney
♦ **John Cooney** Theological Seminary
♦ **Riley Helgoe** 1300 S Steele,
♦ **Kaleb Mitchell** Denver, CO
♦ **Brett Rotz** 80210-2599
♦ **Jamie Severson**

♦ **Kaleb Mitchell** North American
♦ **Brett Rotz** College
00120 Vatican City



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