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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)

PREPARE THE WAY

OUR LADY of the VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1502 Shirley Rd — Helena, MT

**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** 

NEW!

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

-Mark 1:3

he will

**baptize** 

you

with

the

Holy

**Spirit** 

# 2nd Sunday of Advent December 10th Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Speaking for God, Isaiah said, "'Comfort, give comfort to my people,' says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end."

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.



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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

December 9th — December 17th, 2023

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

Saturday 9th 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for John & Marilynn Driver Sunday 10th 8:00 am Mass for Funeral Luncheon Ministry

9:15 am PreK-5th grade RE FFA

10:30 am Live Stream Mass for the people

10:30 am Bishop Vetter New Priest Installation Service with potluck after Mass

Tuesday 12th 10:00 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

6:30 pm Music Rehearsal

Wednesday 13th 5:30 pm No Reconciliation

5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 pm Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

7:00 pm 7th-12th Faith Formation FFA

7:00 pm OCIA CR

Thursday 14th 1:30 pm Soul Core FFA

After all the masses

**Knights of Columbus** "Be a Knight before Christmas" and Beyond 227 book signing and promotional items

16th & 17th

Refreshments after all the Masses

Saturday 16th 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Raymond Callahan

Sunday 17th 8:00 am Mass for Ray Schell & Gayle Howard

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

**Eucharistic Ministers** and Lector training

Saturday, January 6th after the Vigil Mass Or Sunday, January 7th after the Masses

For all current ministers and those that have been called Altar Server Training Saturday, January 6th after the Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 7th after the 10:30 Mass

#### Men have you ever thought about becoming a Knight?

Become a Knight Before Christmas! A member of the Knights of Columbus will be present after all the masses next weekend, December 16th and 17th. They are providing refreshments.



Along with the Knights of Columbus, Father Stu's organization Beyond 227 will be present with their

merchandise, books will be available.

Book signing by our very own Father Bart!



### **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.

# 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.

Jeanneen at jeaneen1966@gmail.com

# come OUR CHURCH

Chris, Jennifer, Zoey & Madison Norris **Dave & Kim Pepper** 

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS at OLV**

Sunday ~January 14th 9:15 am in the Conference Room Babies are welcome! Please call the parish office for more info  $\sim 406-458-6114$ 

#### THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

The 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.



#### Become a Montana

## **KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!**

What do you know about the Knights?

## Through our charitable programs Knights

Put coats on kids

Feed the hungry

Support our bishops and priests





Evangelize and increase your faith

COR is Key!

Aid and Support after Pregnancy Program (A.S.A.P.)

Help men become better fathers and Catholics

Join us today and receive a beautiful KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS key chain. Both you and your proposer will receive a key chain!

Join the Knights today at www.kofc.org/joinus

Or use this QR code:





For the 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Montana POW/MIA
Awareness Association is privileged to host this annual Wreaths Across
America ceremony and wreath placing. Please join us as we honor our American Military on National Remembrance Day.

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center, 1956 MT Majo St. Fort William Henry Harrison. Present a valid driver's license to enter the Fort's Main Gate.

Following the ceremony, volunteers will place 900+ sponsored wreaths Montana State Veterans Cemetery, 3550 Heroes Rd. - Center Circle. It is located adjacent to the National Guard training facility. Please use the Fort Harrison VA Medical Center entrance.

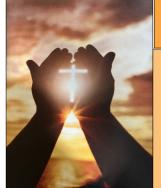


A special concert of Christmas music

David and Deidre
Casey
7:00 pm Dec 20th
at OLV

Free Will offering

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE	Our Lady of the Valley	Cathedral of St. Helena	Ss. Cyril & Methodius	St Marys Catholic Community
4th Sunday of Advent Dec 23 & 24	6 pm Vigil, 9:30 am	5 pm Vigil, 7:30 am & 9 am	4:30 pm Vigil, 10:15 am	4:30 pm Vigil, 9 am
Advent Reconciliation	Tue 12/19 6:15-7:15 pm	Regular Sat mornings	Weds 12/13 5:30 pm	Mon 12/4 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Dec 24	4 pm & 7 pm	5 pm & 9 pm	4 pm & 6 pm	5:30 pm & 10 pm
Christmas Day Dec 25	9:30 am	10 am	9 am	9 am
Holy Family Dec 30 & 31	6 pm Vigil, 9:30 am	5 pm Vigil, 7:30 am, 9 am & 11 am	4:30 pm Vigil, 8 am & 10:15 am	4:30 pm Vigil, 9 am
Mary, Mother of God Dec 31	4 pm	None	4:30 pm	5:30 pm
Mary, Mother of God Jan 1	None	10 am	10:15 am	9 am



# 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

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

SAT 6 PM **SUN 8 AM** SUN 10:30 AM

#### December 9 – December 10

Lectors: Jim Shea Bob Bennett, Catherine See

Keith Kelly, Aurora Sebestyen Mary Grace Black Deacon Steve Barry Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Galt

Vicky Galt Teri Flemming Shirley Timmerman Mark Deegan **Emily Frazier** Karen Bourquin Barbara Moore Jim Sebestyen Stephen Moore JoAnne Canney

Fred & Pat Verzani Dave & Mary Smith Greeters: Volunteers welcome Altar Servers: Eddie Quinn Josey & Natalee Tiensvold Beth & Natalie Lutgen

#### December 16 – December 17

Lectors: Edee Nehl Dennis O'Reilly, Kathleen Callahan Tammy Stefanik, Carol Chisholm

Eucharistic Ministers: Karolyne Redding Dan Gengler Deacon Steve Barry Reid Christensen Terri Temple Laura Barry Mark Deegan Larry Thomas Marianne Hamel

Paul Tschida Wanda White Mary Vogl Teresa Sing

Rick & Mary Baker Greeters: Volunteers welcome Lori & Evie Mavernik Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome Annie Snellman, Lillian Rowley Charlotte & Corbin Burk

#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

December 6, 2023 8,440 **Parish Soft** 733

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering (July1 to date)

December 4, 2022 \$ 207,546 December 6, 2023 \$ 185,682 Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

THANK YOU!



**OLV ACA 2023 Progress 12/8/23** Our goal of \$58,600 **Collected \$20,240** 35% of goal 13.39 % Participation

#### **PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

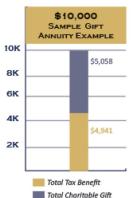
**GREAT NEWS!** 

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. Thank you to all that helped

with this

# Could you benefit from a 40% Montana Tax Credit?

Imagine if you gave a gift to benefit your parish or favorite Catholic ministry and received nearly HALF of it returned to you in tax credits! Annuities allow you to make your donations work for you.



Montana is a unique state, committed to giving back to its nonprofits through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit. This piece of our tax code allows you to give to an endowment through a planned gift (charitable annuity), and be able to claim a tax credit of 40% of the total charitable gift.

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena offers annuities that support 164 diffferent endowments within our Diocese, including one for every parish as well as many Catholic ministries.

Each household is eligible for up to a \$10,000 Montana tax credit per spouse (\$20,000 total). Donate appreciated stock and your tax savings in capital gains could be even more!

> For more information and your own personalized annuity illustration, contact the Foundation at (406)389-7050.

Due to the planned gift requirement of annuities, we regret that annuities cannot be used for donations to the Because He First Loved Us Campaign for Catholic Life.



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

Carter Anderson Matthew Keck Anthony Olmes James Semling Dillon Armstrong Shae Bills Lane Buus John Cooney Riley Helgoe Kaleb Mitchell **Brett Rotz** Jamie Severson Kaleb Mitchell **Brett Rotz** 





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. Also, there is a sign up sheet if you would like to partner up with someone.