

Fr. Bart Tolleson, Pastor  
Deacon Steve Barry  
Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior Status)



**Sacred Heart Mission**  
*Suspended*

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**Parish Office Staff**

Office Manager: Kelly Bond

Bookkeeper: Lisa Richard

**Youth Ministry**

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David Casey (7th & 8th Grade) 406-443-4750

David Casey (High School) 406-443-4750

**Music Ministry**

Rebecca Kagerer

**Liturgical Ministers Coordinator** **New!**

Dennis Mayernik 406-450-6462

**OCIA formaly RCIA**

Dennis O'Reilly 406-266-1181

Carleen Layne 406-594-6489

**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

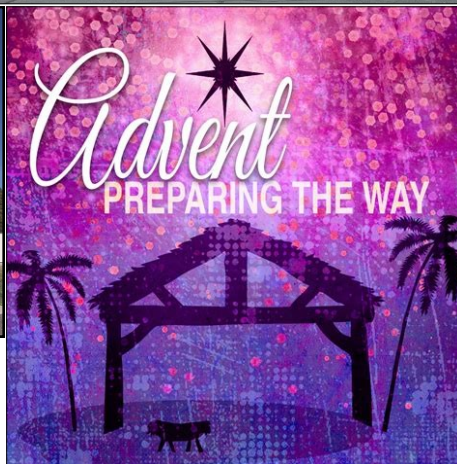
**Baptism Class: January 14, 2024 9:15 am**

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** **NEW!**

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm

"Who are you ...  
What do you have to say for yourself?"

— John 1:22

make  
straight  
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Lord

**3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 17th Readings**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1—2a, 10—11**

The spirit of the Lord God enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16—24**

Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

**Gospel: John 1:6—8, 19—28**

John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24th Readings**

2 Samuel 7:1—5, 8b—12, 14a, 16  
Romans 16:25—27  
Luke 1:26—38

# A welcoming community

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

December 16th — December 24th

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

### After the Masses

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

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*

Tuesday 19th 6:15 pm Advent Reconciliation until 7:15 pm

Wednesday 20th 5:30 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 pm Mass *for Virginia Evangeline*

7:00 pm David & Deidre Christmas Concert

7:00 pm OCIA CR

Thursday 21st 1:30 pm Soul Core FFA

### 4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday 23rd 6:00 pm Vigil Mass *for Francesca Speranza*

Sunday 24th 9:30 am Mass *for Al Volesky (1 morning mass)*

### Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th 4:00 pm Live Stream Mass *for the people*

7:00 pm Mass

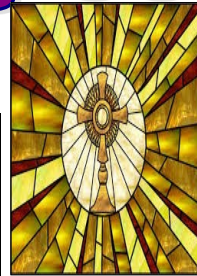
Monday 25th 9:30 am Mass



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

## PRAYER

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



### Advent Adoration

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



### 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 ~ 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.

### Altar Server Training

Saturday, January 6th  
after the Vigil Mass Or  
Sunday, January 7th  
after the 10:30 Mass

**New date!**

### 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

### 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.

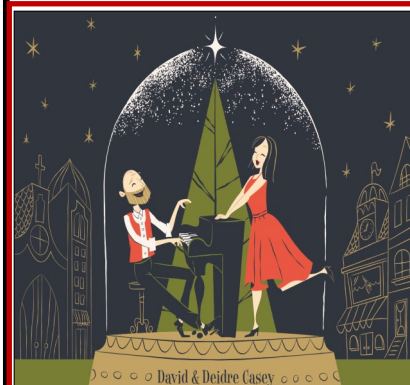
### Men, have you ever thought about becoming a Knight?

Become a Knight Before Christmas!  
A member of the Knights of Columbus  
will be present after all the masses this  
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!



A special concert of  
Christmas music

**David and  
Deidre  
Casey**

7:00 pm Dec 20th  
at OLV  
Freewill 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



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

CO2 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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

Or use this QR code:



## 2024 SUMMER SEASON CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 16 - 21	JUNIOR HIGH #1	June 23 - 28	HIGH SCHOOL #1
July 7 - 12	5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS	July 14 - 19	HIGH SCHOOL #2
July 21 - 26	JUNIOR HIGH #2	July 28 - Aug 2	5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Registration for camp opens January 1, 2024

Early Bird Pricing: Save \$20/camper when you register by January 31st!



FAMILY CAMP  
JUNE 30-JULY 2

Registration opens  
March 1, 2024



LEGENDARY  
ADVENTURE CAMP

Session #1  
JULY 14-19  
Session #2  
JULY 21-26

Registration details coming soon

[legendarylodge.org](http://legendarylodge.org) | Find Us on Facebook

Camps fill up fast!

### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

GREAT NEWS!

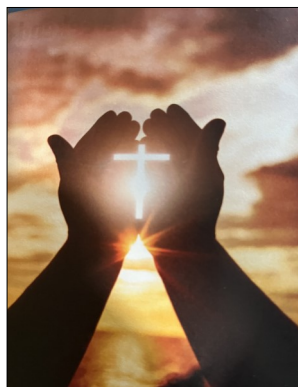
The directories have been okayed for reprint.  
We will let you know when the second edition comes in!  
Thank you to all that helped with this project.

## 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)



# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

**SAT 6 PM**

**SUN 8 AM**

**SUN 10:30 AM**

## December 16 – December 17

Lectors: Edee Nehl  
Eucharistic Ministers: Karolyne Redding  
Reid Christensen  
Mark Deegan

Greeters: Volunteers welcome  
Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome

Dennis O'Reilly, Kathleen Callahan  
Dan Gengler  
Terri Temple  
Larry Thomas  
Paul Tschida  
Mary Vogl  
Rick & Mary Baker  
Annie Snellman, Lillian Rowley

Tammy Stefanik, Carol Chisholm  
Deacon Steve Barry  
Laura Barry  
Marianne Hamel  
Wanda White  
Teresa Sing  
Lori & Evie Mayernik  
Charlotte & Corbin Burk

## December 23 – December 31

\*\*\*\*\*SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES\*\*\*\*\*

### OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 10, 2023 \$ 10,127

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering  
(July 1 to date)

December 11, 2022 \$ 220,537

December 10, 2023 \$ 195,809

Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

**THANK YOU!**

**Celebrations**

12/11 Elizabeth Guevin birthday  
12/12 Clayton & Catherine See  
11 years of marriage  
12/15 Wes & Sami Bruski wedding day  
12/17 Mary Fraser 85th Birthday  
12/31 Rich Misplon & Kim Kradolfer  
35 years of marriage

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



**OLV ACA 2023**  
Progress 12/11/23

Our goal of \$58,600  
Collected: \$20,240  
Gift Central: \$21,645  
Pledged: \$8,310  
Total: **\$50,195**  
86% of Goal

**141 out of 573**  
**Participation 25%**

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

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

♦ **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



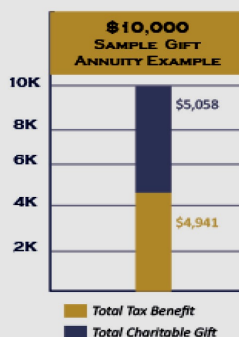
### The Pope's Intentions for December

**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## 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 different endowments within our Diocese, including one for every parish as well as many Catholic ministries.

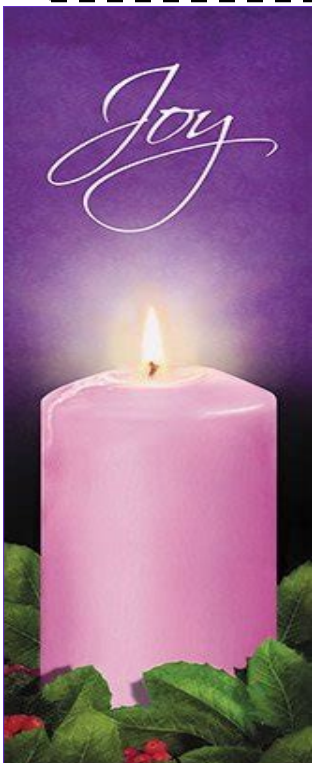
Each household is eligible for up to a \$10,000 Montana tax credit per spouse (\$20,000 total). Donate appreciated stock and your tax savings in capital gains could be even more!

**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.



**FOUNDATION**  
for the Diocese of Helena







# OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

### PREPARATION GUIDE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 6:15PM TO 7:15 PM

BRIEF OPTIONAL SERVICE AT 6:15 PM

#### 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 stereo types?
- ♦ 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.*