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Deacon Steve Barry
Deacon Randy Fraser, (Senior Status)



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Rebecca Kagerer

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Bob Bennett JoAnne Canney
Dan Gengler Jim McKeon
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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)



Nothing
will
be
impossible
for
God

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

*"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found
favor with God." — Luke 1:30*

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

**1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1—5,
8b—12, 14a, 16**

With help from the prophet Nathan,
King David decided to build a house for the
Lord to dwell in. "Your house and your
kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25—27

According to Paul, the gospel reveals the
mystery hidden for long ages but now, at
God's command, is made manifest in
Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 1:26—38

The angel addressed Mary, "Hail, full of grace!
The Lord is with you." When Mary said,
"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," she
became a model for all.

**LOW GLUTEN
HOSTS**

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

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

A welcoming community

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

December 23rd — January 7th

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

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 Christmas Mass

Monday 25th 9:30 am Christmas Mass *for Ellen Dennis*

Wednesday 27th **No Reconciliation or Mass**

Thursday 28th 1:30 pm Soul Core

Saturday 30th 6:00 pm Vigil Mass *for Virginia Evangeline*

Sunday 31st 9:30 am Live Stream Mass *for the people*

4:00 pm Mass *Mary, Mother of God*

Monday 1st OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 3rd 5:30 pm Reconciliation

6:00 pm Youth Deanery Ice Skating
at Memorial Park

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm OCIA CR

Thursday 4th 1:30 pm Soul Core

Saturday 6th 6:00 pm Vigil Mass *for Margaret Barz*

***Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Altar Server
training after all the weekend masses.***

Sunday 7th 8:00 am Mass

9:15 am PreK-5th Grade RE

10:30 am Live Stream Mass *for the people*

*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples.
—Luke 2:29-30*

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31st Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1—6; 21:1—3

Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11—12, 17—19

The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are "as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore."
Abraham's faith was tested.

Gospel: Luke 2:22—40

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the Prophetess, gave thanks to God.

Epiphany January 7th Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, & Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER

Email prayer requests to
Jeanneen at
jeanneen1966@gmail.com

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.

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



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
To serve

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



**For unto us a Savior is Born.
Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!**

—Fr. Bart and the OLV staff

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
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

Scholarship Announcement

Our Lady of the Valley is pleased to announce a number of scholarships through the Patrick Walsh Kelly endowment fund and the generosity of OLV Parishioners.

Aims – The principal aim is to aid those campers from 5th grade through 12th grade in need of registration fees for the 2024 camp year.

Scholarship Award Amount – The scholarship recipients will receive a code that will cover \$360 of the registration fee. This amount will cover camp if done prior to February 1.

Basis of Award – The camper must be an Our Lady of the Valley parishioner and have need of the scholarship.

How To Apply – Send or drop off a letter of intent to Our Lady of the Valley, 1502 Shirley Rd, Helena, MT 59602. In the letter, express the desire to attend Legendary with contact information of both the camper and the camper's parents.

For More Information-

Call Lisa at the office: 406-458-6114



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 | Find Us on Facebook

Camps fill up fast!



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

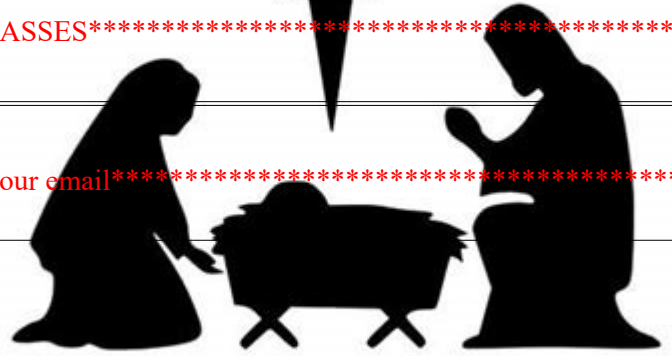
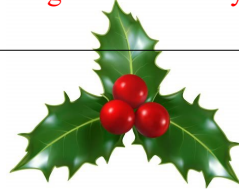
December 23 – December 31

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

January 6 – January 7

*****Schedule coming soon. Watch your email*****

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 17, 2023 \$ 8,578

Comparative Cumulative Annual Offering
(July 1 to date)

December 18, 2022 \$ 232,560

December 17, 2023 \$ 204,387

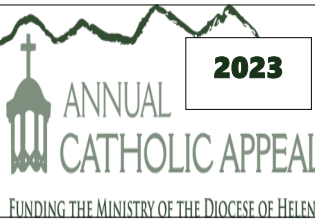
Annual totals include online stewardship participation.)

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*



2023

**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

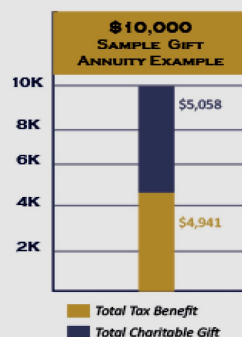
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

"We adore you, Jesus,
Light of the World!
We, the people who
walked in darkness,
have seen a great light
in you. your glorious
light shines in the
darkest corners of the
world---and of our
hearts. No power of
evil can prevent your
love from reaching us,
your sons and daugh-
ters. We praise you for
this holy day when
your light dawned
upon the earth!

---The WORD among us

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**