

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.” (Nm 21:7)

Psalms:
Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

- Sunday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Monday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Tuesday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
- Friday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often “hear our prayer” or “pray for us”). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION SUNBURST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

Friday, September 19, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Faye and Wendell Abrahamson by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, September 20, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Riki Nice by Tim and Billiette Coolidge)

Sunday, September 21, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William († Rosalie Manley by Joe and Lore Sisk)

12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

August to Date: \$8,293.01

Month to Date Surplus: **\$2,293.01**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

August to Date: \$3,114.00

Month to Date Surplus: **\$714.00**



Support your parishioners' mental health

Catholic Social Services of Montana therapists are here to provide Catholic-based counseling over telehealth statewide or in-person in Bozeman and Helena. To get started, called (406)442-4130x2, or send a message at www.cssmt.org.

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of the counseling experience, although it does not have to be.
- They are available for in-person counseling, but can also meet with you online via a computer or mobile device.
- They specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and CBT, just to name a few.
- The first session is free. Insurance, private pay, Medicaid, Medicare, and EAP are accepted for additional sessions. Discounts and scholarships are available.

Keep an eye out! We hope to launch new programming to further support the mental health needs of our neighbors, soon!



Upcoming Diocesan Events

September:

Sept. 12-13 – Diaconate Formation Weekend, Helena

Sept. 15-18 – Clergy Convocation Formation Days, Butte

October:

Oct. 1 – Parish Personnel Check-in Meeting, Virtual

Oct. 10 – Bishop's Gala, Carroll College-Helena

Oct. 10-12 – CYC Board Meeting #2, Helena

Oct. 17-19 – Diaconate Formation Weekend, Helena

Oct. 25 – Junior High Rally, Great Falls

FREE! 100 Fluorescent bulbs and 40 ballasts from St. William's Parish Hall. If you are interested, please talk to Kevin Mitchell or John Abrahamson.

Sacrament preparation and Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish office at 406-434-2988 or Fr. Peter at 406-475-1274.

Marriage: Call Fr. Peter Mikwabe at least 6 months before desired date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. William before Sunday Mass and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins: Call Marlene Howery at 406-434-2273.

Religious Education: Call Tressa Keller at 406-460-0932 or Brooke Rogers at 406-409-9248.



THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS

We should honor and venerate the cross and carry it, to remind ourselves of the love of God for us and the price Jesus paid for our salvation. The cross will give us strength in our sufferings and remind us of our hope of eternal glory with the risen Lord. With St. Paul, we express our belief that the *“message of the cross is foolishness only to those who are perishing”* (1Cor 1: 18-24), and that we should *“glory in the cross of Our Lord”* (Gal 6:14). We bless ourselves with the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that we belong to Christ Jesus and to honor the Most Holy Trinity, asking the Triune God to bless us, save us and protect us. The crucifix reminds us that we are forgiven sinners and, hence, we are expected to forgive those who offend us and ask for forgiveness whenever we offend others or hurt their feelings. Fr. Peter

LEGENDARY NEEDS LOGS

FORTIFY THE LEGEND. EXPAND THE MISSION



Bishop's
Gala

OCTOBER 10, 2025

5:00 PM

CARROLL COLLEGE



In 2015, generous benefactors rallied to save Legendary Lodge from bankruptcy. Now, 10 years later, our summer camps are thriving. But the facilities that serve hundreds of young people each year are aging fast — and without critical updates, we risk losing this treasure we worked so hard to reclaim. **This October 10th, the Bishop's Gala returns** with all proceeds to benefit Legendary Lodge. This will not be your usual Gala. Be prepared for camp sights and sounds, tastes and smells! **Our theme is "Western Glamping"**, so get creative dressing the part with cowboy hats and fun accessories. Tickets are available at diocesehelena.org/bishopsgala

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
9/14/25	John Abrahamson	Jabez Rogers	Wally Howery and Emily McDermott	Rogers Family