

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sat., Feb. 14, Mass for Collective February Int. of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.... **6:30 pm**

Sunday, February 15, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tues., Feb. 17, Mass for the Soul of Floyd McCubbins, rb Connie McCubbins.... **8:45 am**

Wednesday, February 18, ASH WEDNESDAY..... 6:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 19, Mass for the Int. of Michael Super, rb Jane Super..... **8:45 am**

Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Wednesdays 8:30 am & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

†Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul†

Mass each Sunday at Risen Christ at 11:30 am

MINISTRY	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18th	SATURDAY, February 21st	SUNDAY, February 22nd
Plate Min.	Kimberly Santiago	George Josten	Eric Barry
Cup Min.	Neil Heino	Judy Hughes	Tom Berquist
	Mary Anne Gill	Suzanne Johnson	Marian Ficek
Lector	Paul Heath	Dixon Rice	Kathy Shanahan
	Pati Heath	Shelley Nease	Jack Fallon
Server	Rick Nease	Rick Nease	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Howie & Marian Ficek	Laurie Brandon/Mary Jacobs	Tom & Terrie Alger

RISEN CHRIST PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE:

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 10:00 AM – 12 NOON ~ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

IF THE DOOR IS LOCKED, PLEASE RING THE BELL.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb	15	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	17	Choir	7:30 pm
	18	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS	6:00 pm
		Faith Formation	No Class
	20	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Black and Indian Mission Collection	
	24	Choir	7:30 pm
	25	Faith Formation	4:00 – 5:15 pm
	26	Soup Supper	5:30 pm
	27	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	28	NO EVENING MASS due to 51 st annual Blue & Gold Auction	

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.

To be sure your announcement is in the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursday.

† St. John Paul II ~ Mass on Mondays @ 9:00 am.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

8:30 am & 12:10 pm - St Matthew

6:00 pm - Risen Christ

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ Saturday 9:00-10:30 am

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent, let us unite our sorrows, our crosses with Jesus and Mary by coming to Adoration.

† FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †

- Kids Bulletins and MagnifiKid books are on the table in social area.
- Lenten activity sheets are on the table in the social area.



LENTEN QUOTES: "Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus." ~Father Mike Schmitz

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: **fasting and almsgiving.**" ~Saint Augustine

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.

February 7th & February 8th	Sunday	\$ 6,962
	Building	255
	Ash Wednesday	50
	Total	\$ 7,267

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Soup and Bread Supper - Each Thursday, at 5:30 pm beginning February 26th

Stations of the Cross - Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm beginning February 20th



Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Risen Christ –To be announced

St. Matthew's - February 20th, March 6th, 20th & 27th 4:30 – 6:45 pm.

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

Soup and bread supper will begin on **Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 pm**. Please sign up to bring either soup or bread. **If anyone can volunteer to take one week each Thursday to help set up and to clean up, please sign up in the social area.**

Risen Christ-Council 8329 Chili Charity Thanks You

It could not have happened without you. The Knights of Columbus would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of the recent Chili for Charity event. This event begins our new year with funds to support the many charities that help so many in need. The spirit of our Risen Christ community is indeed a blessing. "Charity is a light shining in the darkness for those in need."



RISEN CHRIST-COUNCIL 8329 ~FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Begin Lent this year with donations that benefit hungry families in our local community. Help us stock the shelves. The Knights of Columbus Council 8329 is sponsoring a "Lent Food Drive" to restock food supplies needed in local food banks. Donations of non-perishable food items brought to the church from **February 21 - March 1** will then be distributed to the food banks. Thank you for answering the call to make a change in the lives of hungry families.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Janet Rodeghiero & Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan
Pat & Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero
Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff
Janet Rodeghiero, rb Mary Ruff
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon
Soul of Todd, son of Lisa Flynn, rb Mary Burgess

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Kayla Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff
Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

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**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Myron Boyle, Malcolm Coote, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace
Mike Hanson, Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling
Mike & Linda O'Neil, Adrienne Neneman, Mary Reckin, Joe Riska
Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe
Matt Keck, Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Anthony Olmes
Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Jake Smith
Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, Mason Yochum

RISEN CHRIST RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH ~ 9AM-3PM

Please save your items for the Risen Christ Rummage Sale. We can use all **CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** donations. Consider volunteering for this parish event. You may drop your donation items at the church on **Thursday, March 5th or Friday, March 6th between 10 am and 2 pm.**

READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

PRACTICE OF FAITH

This week Jesus perfectly models the spiritual practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Forty days of fasting made Jesus hungry for God's Word. Realize that in going into the desert, Jesus fasted from both food and activity. His solitude was also a form of fasting. Jesus' responses to Satan's temptations show how fasting made Jesus totally dependent on God and faithful to him. The late Pope Benedict XVI reflects, "Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God"

- * Plan a fast from food. Offer your hunger to God and ask God to fill you.
- * Put aside the money you saved from your fasting and give it as alms for the poor.
- * Fast from a fun activity this week. Pray instead.

~At Home With the Word 2026

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our Whitefish Spring Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

There are three parts to the campaign: prayer and fasting for an end to abortion; explaining the truth to family and friends; and prayer vigils.

You can pray and fast for an end to abortion on your own. You can reach out to family and friends whenever appropriate. The vigils are held in front of the Whitefish abortion facility.

Details for the vigils:

- DATES: Wed., February 18th – Sat., March 28th Mondays thru Saturdays
- TIMES: 7am – 7pm LOCATION: sidewalk outside All Families Healthcare at 737 Spokane Avenue in Whitefish



- Sign up at the 40 Days for Life table in the Doran Center.
- Weekly Prayer Services will be held on Saturdays at All Families Healthcare from 3-5 pm.
- REMEMBER that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.
- Point of Contact: Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com

DAYS SPONSORED

Risen Christ's days are **Tuesday and Thursday, March 3rd and 5th.**

Saint Matthew's days are **Monday, March 2nd,**

Wednesday, March 4th and Friday, March 6th.

ASSISTANCE EFFORT

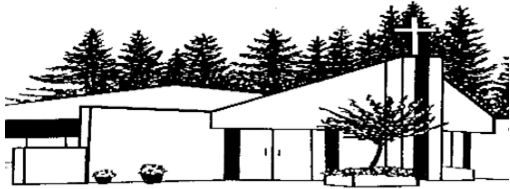
Many of you know Jim Kuechmann, the current Grand Knight of our parish Knights of Columbus and his wife Allyson. Allyson is the director of the Valley Voices. At 3:00 am Tuesday February 3rd, a fire destroyed the home of Jim and his family. Jim, his wife Allyson, their son Anthony and his young son Tristan, as well as Allyson's brother Pat, all escaped the fire, but their home and its contents were all destroyed. They left with nothing, but what they were wearing, one cell phone, and a purse. Your prayers and generosity are needed and would be appreciated. If you want to help please call Anne Mahoney, she is coordinating the assistance effort. Her phone number is (406) 871-8694 A Go Fund Me Page has been established.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". Hebrews 13:16

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 406-250-8610.

She will be happy to send a card.



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

Looking for a meaningful gift?

A new shipment has arrived! Check out our "holy pens", St. Michael the Archangel mini

statues, holy water fonts, rosaries, miraculous medals, and more. Stop by anytime!
† See Rose Hall or Jelita Mayville in the Parish Office for details.

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Helen Tobiason 406-212-0063 or Sherry Miller 406-609-9057 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and you will get a return call.



NATIONAL BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the 142nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's through your gifts of your time, talents, & treasures. We appreciate your support of Catholic education in the Flathead Valley! Forming hearts and minds through faith, integrity and knowledge. 406-752-6303.



**Carroll
College
Prayer**

St.
Charles
Borromeo
Pray for us.

O God, in Your abundance You have provided the Diocese of Helena with Carroll College. Bless her students, staff, and faculty with Divine graces to discover their purpose and vocation.

Grant that Carroll College may serve your Divine will from generation to generation. May she instill wonder, foster holiness, promote virtue, and inspire service, so that all who work, teach, and learn at Carroll may seek and find the source of all truth, your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Charles Borromeo, patron of Carroll College, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Imprimatur:

✠ Most Reverend Austin A. Vetter, D.D.
Bishop of Helena



Jan. 28, 2026 - St. Thomas Aquinas,
patron of Catholic Colleges



**New
feature is now available on
myParish App!**

Lent with the Saints.
This special new feature is located on the
Second page of myParishApp
This is great for kids and teachers alike.

**Lent with
The Saints**
by THE MERRY
BEGGARS

WHAT YOU GET:

- 40 engaging saint stories (fully dramatized)
- Daily reflections for kids ages 5-8
- Practical resolutions they can actually do

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USE IT EVERYWHERE:
Family devotions at home • Religion classes
Faith formation programs • Catechesis

THIS WEEK ON FORMED ~ FEBRUARY 15, 2026



Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



Heart of Prayer

Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

To register, please go to: www.risenchristkalisPELL.formed.org, click on register now to create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you will have access to FORMED-provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

~Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
February 15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:17-37

A close priest friend of mine once told me about a time when he was visited by a sign salesman who sold outdoor signs to churches. His biggest seller was a large outdoor billboard type sign listing the Ten Commandments. My friend, who was also my pastor, told the salesman that he was quite familiar with those commandment signs, but he mentioned to the salesman that he would be more interested in purchasing one that listed the eight beatitudes that Jesus presented in his Sermon on the Mount.

The salesman was speechless for a bit because the company he represented didn't have a sign with that. My pastor, not one to ever miss an opportunity to teach, quickly went on to instruct the salesman about the moral teachings as more fully presented to us by Jesus. He did not ignore the value of the teachings embodied in the Ten Commandments but basically took the opportunity to instruct the traveling salesman about how Jesus, one might say, presented a deeper understanding of the law God expects we follow.

The beatitudes best describe this upgrading of God's laws. True goodness is not just about behavior or actions but also involves human thoughts and attitudes. Genuine virtue and goodness come from positive loving attitudes. They are about the desires of our hearts. That's why love of God and love of neighbor are fundamental and always connected in the teaching of Jesus. Love, respect and honesty are primary virtues in the teachings of Jesus.

I never learned what eventually happened between my pastor and the salesman of biblical signs. Hopefully it encouraged the salesman to more fully examine his own life. Or maybe suggest that the sign company he represented expand their offerings.

The teachings of Jesus can at times can be very challenging. We noted in the first Nazareth Page for this month that the words of Jesus can be deeply challenging, but not impossible. We also know that our God is forgiving, slow to anger and full of mercy.

We live in a world today that seems at times to have gone off course. Of course, none of us are perfect. Former president Jimmy Carter, a very committed Christian, was once asked if he ever sinned. He smiled and recalled one of the beatitudes in today's gospel. The reference was to prohibiting looking at a woman, not his wife, with lust. Carter added no further details, but there were lots of knowing smiles around him.

David M. Thomas, PhD

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

MARCH 20-22, 2026

CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT



A Weekend for Worship, Encounter, and Renewal

This year's Eucharistic Congress will be the largest gathering of its kind our diocese has hosted – an event for all ages featuring incredible speakers, dynamic breakouts, and prayer experiences, all centered around the Eucharist and the life of our Catholic faith.

WITH A KEYNOTE & MASS CELEBRATED BY:
CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

Archbishop Emeritus of New York



OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Bishop
Austin A. Vetter



Mother
Mary Clare, ACJ



EVENT EMCEE
Fr. Marc Lenneman

More information and registration at:

www.diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress

SPEAKERS & BREAKOUTS

This year we are blessed to welcome **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, who will be our speaker on Friday night and will celebrate Mass on Saturday morning.

Other incredible speakers for the weekend include a general keynote with **Bishop Austin Vetter**, a women's session led by **Mother Mary Clare** of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, several high school youth keynotes, and a dynamic assortment of speakers who will host breakout sessions on Saturday afternoon.

AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

With affordable childcare, dedicated junior high and high school tracks, and opportunities for every age and stage, this weekend is designed for the whole diocesan family.

SUNDAY MASS AND PROCESSION

The weekend culminates in a celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Sunday at 11:00am, followed by a Eucharistic procession through downtown Helena from the Cathedral to All Saints Chapel at Carroll College to conclude the Congress.

PLUS ADORATION, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION, A HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT, AND MORE!



TICKET PRICING

Register early and save!

	Early Registration Jan 1 – Feb 14	Standard Registration Feb 15 – Mar 10	Late Registration Mar 11 – Mar 20
Adults & High School Youth	\$90	\$100	\$120
College Student & CYC Board	\$40	\$50	\$70
Grades K-8	\$40	\$50	\$50
Friday Only (All Ages)	\$40	\$50	\$70

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are committed to ensuring that no one will be denied access to the event because of finances. **The maximum cost for any family to attend Eucharistic Congress is \$250.** Additional financial assistance is available for both individuals and families. Please visit our Congress webpage for details.



Scan the QR code
to register now

or go to diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress

Understanding Lent

Walking with Christ Toward Easter

Lent is a sacred season, a time set apart for renewal of heart and soul. Each year, the Church invites us to step away from distractions and walk with Christ in a deeper way. For forty days, we trace his footsteps—entering the desert with him, learning to listen, pray, and trust. This sacred journey mirrors the rhythm of our own lives: seasons of challenge that prepare us for new life in God.

The practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—are not burdens but pathways.

Prayer deepens our friendship with God, opening our hearts to his voice. **Fasting** teaches us that we are not ruled by our appetites but created for something greater—communion with God himself.

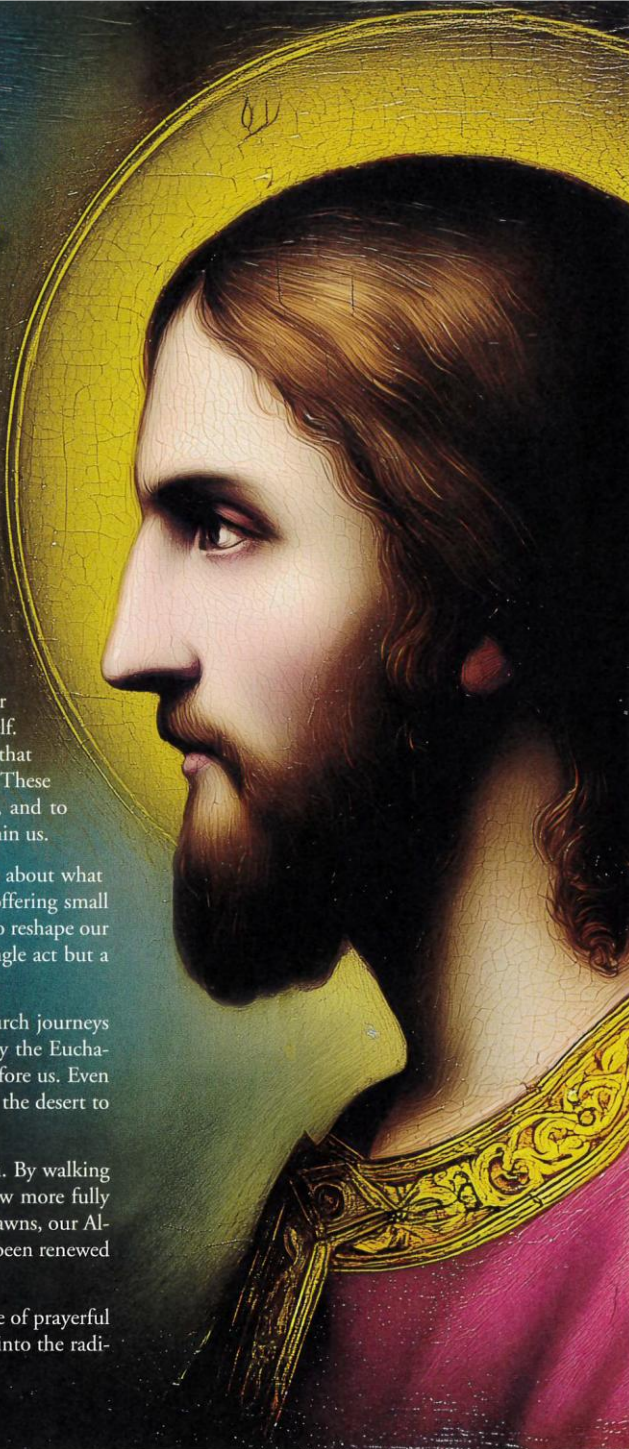
Almsgiving lifts our gaze outward, reminding us that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God. These disciplines work together to form us, to free us, and to awaken us to the life of grace already present within us.

Lent is not simply about what we “give up.” It is about what we receive: mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. By offering small sacrifices and acts of love, we allow God’s Spirit to reshape our hearts. In this way, conversion becomes not a single act but a daily turning—away from sin and toward Christ.

We do not walk this road alone. The entire Church journeys together, nourished by Scripture, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by the saints who have gone before us. Even in our struggles, God is near, leading us through the desert to the joy of Easter morning.

Ultimately, Lent prepares us for the Resurrection. By walking the way of the cross with Jesus, we come to know more fully the life that only he can give. And when Easter dawns, our Alleluia rings out with deeper joy because we have been renewed in heart and spirit.

May this Lent be a season of grace for you, a time of prayerful return to the Lord, and a journey that leads you into the radiant light of Easter.



SYMBOLS AND PRACTICES OF LENT

Lent is rich with symbols that help us live out this season of renewal. The most visible sign is the **ash cross** traced on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. It reminds us of our mortality—“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”—and of our call to repentance.

The **liturgical color purple** is used in churches throughout Lent, symbolizing penance, humility, and preparation. In some parishes, crucifixes and statues may be veiled in the final weeks, creating a sense of longing and anticipation for Easter’s joy.

Another central devotion is the **Stations of the Cross**, traditionally prayed on Fridays during Lent. By reflecting on Christ’s Passion step by step, we learn to unite our own sufferings with his and to see the depth of his love.

Many Catholics also embrace **simplicity and silence** during Lent—reducing entertainment, quieting daily noise, and creating space for God’s voice. Acts of service and charity flow naturally from this spirit, reminding us that Lent is not just about discipline but love of neighbor. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** holds special importance, offering grace and renewal as we return to God’s mercy.

The Church teaches that Catholics in **good health** are to observe the following rules for **fasting** and **abstinence**. From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is required from age 18 until age 59. It permits one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat binds Catholics from age 14 and older.”

Together, these symbols and practices point us toward the heart of Lent: a season of turning back to God and preparing to celebrate the Resurrection with renewed faith.

THE MEANING OF LENT

The word *Lent* comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning “springtime.” In the Church, Lent refers to the forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares us for Easter. The number forty has biblical significance: Moses fasted forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments, Elijah journeyed forty days to Mount Horeb, and Jesus fasted forty days in the desert.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and concludes at the start of the **Paschal Triduum**—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days, as each Sunday is a “little Easter,” a celebration of the Resurrection.

The focus of Lent is conversion of heart. The Church encourages us to pray more faithfully, fast from food or distractions, and give generously to the poor. These practices are not ends in themselves but signs that we are turning away from sin and toward God. Lent invites us to renew our baptismal commitment and prepare joyfully for the Resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

The final days of Lent lead into **Holy Week**, the most sacred time of the Church year. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, when we remember Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms we carry remind us both of his kingship and the Passion that follows.



On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, recalling the institution of the Eucharist and Jesus washing the disciples’ feet. After Mass, the Eucharist is placed in a place of repose, inviting quiet adoration.



Good Friday commemorates the Passion and Death of Jesus. The liturgy includes the reading of the Passion, solemn intercessions, veneration of the Cross, and for some, Holy Communion, but no Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, uniting us to Christ’s sacrifice.



Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and reflection. That night, the **Easter Vigil** begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle. We hear salvation history proclaimed, celebrate baptisms and confirmations, and rejoice in the Resurrection.

These three days form the **Paschal Triduum**. They are the heart of the Christian faith, leading us from the cross to the joy of Easter morning.



News from the Hilltop

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP AND CO-PRESIDENT

Greetings to you! It has been a joy to witness the lasting impact Carroll College has had on you. So many of you are alumni, friends, relatives, and benefactors, and have been strongly committed to Carroll's success for decades. Thank you! I am deeply grateful for your generosity and continued commitment. As our diocesan college, we Catholics of the Diocese of Helena share an important responsibility to strengthen the enduring partnership between the Diocese of Helena and Carroll College. In the coming days, you will receive a mailing from me regarding Carroll College, where I invite you to join me in thoughtfully considering Carroll College in your almsgiving this Lent. No matter the size, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Know of my prayers, and keep me in yours!

In Christ, I am
Bishop Austin Vetter



Bishop Austin Vetter

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARISH STUDENTS

We are pleased to once again offer a Carroll College scholarship to a prospective student from your parish, named in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. This scholarship is funded by Carroll College in the amount of \$1,000, with the recipient selected by your parish. Parishes are welcome and encouraged to match or add to this amount.

The Carroll-funded portion of this scholarship is available only to students entering Carroll College for the first time in Fall 2026. Parishes may continue to support currently enrolled students with parish funds, but Carroll's contribution applies solely to incoming students. If multiple awards are offered, Carroll will match them as long as they are awarded to incoming students and the parish agrees to match the funds.

Parishes are asked to submit a letter of recommendation for their selected student to Carroll College's Financial Aid Office by March 15, 2026.

FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE VISIT DAY: CATHOLIC VISIT DAY

On Friday, March 20, 2026, Carroll College will also host a Faith in Your Future Visit Day, designed for high school students interested in learning more about Carroll's Catholic mission, faith life, and campus community. Scheduled alongside the Eucharistic Congress, this visit day offers a natural opportunity to explore Carroll earlier in the day and then take part in the Congress and CYC Convention activities throughout the weekend.

All high school students are welcome to attend. Individual visits may also be scheduled at carroll.edu/visit.





Other Opportunities

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND CYC CONVENTION

Carroll College is excited to welcome students and families to campus for the Eucharistic Congress and CYC Convention, March 20–22, 2026. This special weekend will feature Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York, widely known for his engaging presence, leadership in the Catholic Church, and thoughtful voice on faith and public life.

CATHOLIC ROOM GRANT

As a Catholic, diocesan college, Carroll College believes in the value of Catholic education at all levels. We are so grateful to those who make the sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools.

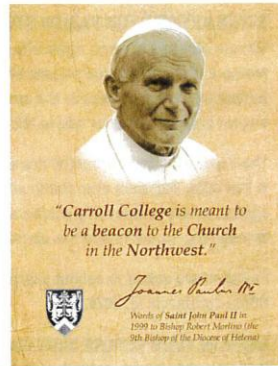
To demonstrate our appreciation, and thanks to the generosity of Carroll donors, the College is blessed to offer a Catholic High School Room Grant to eligible graduates of Catholic high schools throughout the United States as part of our commitment to the shared enterprise of Catholic education.

For 2026 graduates of Catholic high schools that apply and are accepted to Carroll by May 1, the Catholic Room Grant provides approximately 50 percent off the cost of housing for freshman year.

For eligibility and requirements, visit carroll.edu/roomgrant.

CARITAS TRIPS

From March 8-14, 2026, Carroll College students will participate in Caritas Service Immersion Trips through Campus Ministry. Students will be traveling to Chicago, IL, and Browning, MT. These life-changing trips will immerse them in the realities and needs of people with economic, educational, cultural, and social challenges. Please pray for our students!



STUDENT RESEARCH FESTIVAL

We would like to invite you to the Carroll College Student Research Festival (SRF) on April 24, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there! This year's SRF keynote speaker is Mauricio López Oropeza. This keynote explores how *Laudato Si'*, integral ecology, and global community experiences—from the Amazon to Montana—offer a faith-rooted, hopeful path toward healing our planet and ourselves through connection, dialogue, and shared action.

For more information visit carroll.edu/srf.

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