

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH SACRED HEART CHURCH, WOLF CREEK



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Weekend Eucharist:	Saturday Vigil ~ Wolf Creek: 1st & 3rd Saturdays (Nov.-April) 3:00 pm OLV : Saturdays at 6:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Weekday Eucharist:	Wednesday—6:30 pm
Reconciliation:	Wednesday—5:30 pm or by appointment
Office Hours:	10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Monday-Friday

*1st Sunday
of
Lent*



February 26, 2012

“The kingdom of God is at hand.”

Mark 1:15

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE February 26, 2012 – March 4, 2012

Saturday 25 th	9:00 am-2:30 pm Lenten Retreat 6:00 pm Mass
Sunday 26 th	8:00 am Mass 9:15 am Faith Formation Classes 10:30 am Mass 12:00—2:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wednesday 29 th	5:30 pm Reconciliation 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Junior High & High School FF 7:15 pm Inquiry Class 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday 1 st Friday 2 nd	6:00 pm Stations 6:30 pm Soup & Bread 7:15 pm Adult Spirituality Session
Saturday 3 rd	3:00 pm Wolf Creek Mass 6:00 pm Mass
Sunday 4 th	8:00 am Mass for Sully Wilmoth 9:15 am Faith Formation Classes 10:30 am Mass for Parishioners 12:00—2:30 pm Confirmation Class



**READINGS
March 4th**
Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Hearing devices now available for anyone interested in using them. They are located in the cabinet by the holy water at the church entrance.



Weekly copies of the Nazareth Page (reflection on the weekly Gospel) are available on the table in the entry.

Food Share Every Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION RICE BOWL!

As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need. The Faith Formation students will be collecting money in their classrooms every Sunday during Lent to help in this program. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. There are extra Rice Bowls in the church entry.



If you have questions, please call Cyndi at 449-9950 or the Parish office at 458-6114.

Jesus
loves me!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Evening
Stations of the Cross
@ 6pm
We need volunteers to lead the Stations. Sign-up Sheet on the table.

I don't have to fight my way through a crowd to get to Jesus. I always have direct and immediate access—any time, any place. That's quite a gift.
Spend some quiet time with the Lord.
(From: The Little Black Book.)





Baptism Classes at OLV!
March 22, 2012
7-8:30 pm @ OLV—

If you are anticipating Baptism for your child within the next 6 months, this class is for you.
Please call the parish office to sign up. (458-6114)

Do You Have A Seriously Ill Family Member? If you want someone on a prayer list, please call Virginia at 443-1881. **VISITS:** If someone you know in the parish is in the **hospital** or is **home-bound**, please let us know by calling the parish office so we can visit and bring the sacraments (458-6114).



Black & Indian Missions

This weekend, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black & Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. It also supports African American evangelization programs particularly in the South. Let us unite with generous hearts.



Lenten Adult Spirituality Series
When: Beginning March 2 (7:15 pm)
Immediately after Soup & Bread
Topic: ***"Women and the Bible"***
Presenter: Maggie Brennan

MARDI GRAS PARTY!
Thank you to all who came and joined our Mardi Gras event! It was great!

2012 Lenten Schedule at OLV

Fridays - 6:00 pm Friday Evening Devotions
(Every Friday evening during Lent, Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread.)

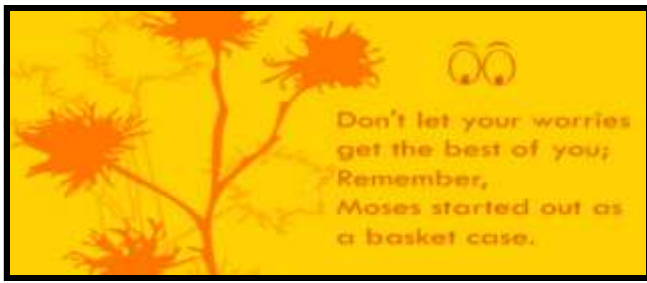
March 2 - 7:15 pm Friday Evenings Lenten Adult Spirituality Series
(Every Friday evening during Lent)
"Women and the Bible".
(Presented by Maggie Brennan)



Lost & Found Basket

Have you lost something recently? A coat, gloves, water bottles? You name it! Please check our Lost & Found (wicker basket) located under the coat rack in the Gathering Space area. For small items such as bracelets, rings, earrings and glasses, please check with the Parish Office.

Cold and Flu Season
If you are ill you should not come to Mass. If you are ill, but well enough to come to Mass, you should not drink from the cup. Holding hands is an appropriate gesture, but if you are ill, please be considerate and consider not holding hands during the Our Father.



Notes from Phillip: You are invited to join in our project to share our abundance of food with our neighbors in need. Give a gift of food to the hungry. Local families need your support. Let them know you care. Bring your non-perishable foods to church and fill up the cart. Last month we donated almost 150 pounds!



For FEBRUARY, the food items "wish List" is:
All Pasta, Spaghetti Sauces & Tomato Sauce.

Remember, they always need baby formula!

Thank you from the bottom of my cart.

*Phillip
D. Cart*

Radio Station Information:

Father Rocky of Relevant Radio will be the guest speaker at this year's KNEH banquet Wed., March 28 at 6:30pm at Carroll College lower Cube. Silent Auction begins at 5:30. Tickets are going fast. For reservations, call 410-0968 or email manager@kneh.org. This is a free-will offering event to benefit Helena's Catholic Relevant Radio, KNEH 97.3fm.

**Executive Secretary to the Bishop
Position Announcement**

Position: Secretary to the Bishop

Hours: Full time (8-5, M-F)

Benefits: yes

Minimum Qualifications: Perform responsible & confidential administrative & secretarial duties for the Bishop. Able to work independently with little or no supervision. Expert level written and verbal communications skills, advanced dictation & word-processing skills, strong decision-making ability and attention to detail are equally important.

Application/information: www.diocesehelena.org. Or write to: Diocese of Helena, Attn: Carme Fawaz, Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624. (See our Church bulletin board for detailed information.)

Good Samaritan Ministries & Thrift Store

The Good Samaritan is looking for a few good volunteers to donate their time to our store. For more information or questions, please contact Kelli Clark at 442- 0780.

Position Announcements

The Diocese of Helena is seeking a Missionary Worker for Pastoral Services at the Guatemala

Mission. Work is primarily that of a youth minister.

See our church bulletin board in the entry for detailed information.

Marriage Weekend

The **Retrouvaille** weekend will be March 9-11, at the Ursuline Centre in Great Falls, Montana. For information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or 406-761-4830 or email: montana@retrouvaille.org. Visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



VIRTUS WORKSHOP

Where: St. Mary's

When: Feb. 28 (Last Tuesday of every month)

Must register on-line at: www.virtusonline.org

Click on "registration", then click on Begin Registration Process.

Lent Fast & Abstinence

Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who are 14 and older observe abstinence on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. All others are encouraged to fast and abstain in ways appropriate to their circumstances.

Fasting means one full meal each day with the other meals not equaling a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids are allowed. Abstinence means that no meat is allowed.

If health or ability to work would be seriously affected, fast and abstinence do not apply.

Position Announcement

Who: Catholic Social Services of Montana

Position: Executive Assistant.

Hours: Part-time (20 hrs per week, M-F)

Benefits: Yes, based on hours worked

Minimum Qualifications: Well organized, flexible with good secretarial skills.

Able to become a notary & bonded

Able to create a newsletter, maintain webpage

(Above skills & abilities are normally achieved through 4 years of experience/education.

Applications/Resume: Catholic Social Services of Montana, 1301—11th Avenue, Helena, MT 59601

Closing: March 2, 2012

See Bulletin board in church entry for more details.

RITE OF ELECTION

When: February 26 at 3:00 pm

Where: Cathedral of St. Helena

This is the second step on the catechumens journey towards Baptism. The Church chooses those it deems ready for initiation and leads them into the more intense period of Lenten preparation. Those chosen inscribe their names in the *BOOK OF THE ELECT* as a promise of faithfulness to the call they have received from Christ. At the Easter Vigil, they will be baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist. Thus they will be fully initiated into the Body of Christ.

Since they are becoming one with us in our Catholic Faith, it is only fitting that we should be present at this celebration to welcome and support them.

(This celebration occurs every year in our Diocese at the beginning of Lent.)



MINISTRY SCHEDULE



February 25– 26, 2012

6:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Lectors: Helen Christensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Fritz Roos, Chris Christensen
Dominick & Ellen Speranza, Barb Wandishin

Greeters: Bea & Harold Begger

Acolytes: Alex Barker, Everett Casey

8:00 AM Mass

Lectors: Rich Wirak, Maggie Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley & Tom Mangan,
Kate Peterson, Mary Lutgen, Arlene Smith

Greeters: Bob Sprute, Jim Kavajecz

Acolytes: Rosie Grinsell, Netter Kuser

10:30 AM Mass

Lectors: Keith Kelly, Molly Munro

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Richard, Donna & Rick Rogne,
Denise Smigaj, Pat Trammelle

Greeters: Chris & Michelle Griffin

Acolytes: Jamie Starke, Erik Vanisko

Coffee Ministry: Volunteers needed for all Sunday Masses

March 3 – 4, 2012

6:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Lectors: Jeff Morris

Eucharistic Ministers: Reid Christensen,
Beth & Rick Cottingham, Dave & Vicky Galt

Greeters: Dave & Mary Beth Garding

Acolytes: Anthony Latka, Laura LeMieux

8:00 AM Mass

Lectors: Jan Pepin, Ed Beall

Eucharistic Ministers: David Sturm, Paul Tschida,
Betty Walker, John Williams, Sally Beall

Greeters: Betty Walker

Acolytes: Daniel & Luke Colussi

10:30 AM Mass

Lectors: Tara Ferriter-Smith, Fritz Roos

Eucharistic Ministers: Fritz Roos, Hazel Yuhas,
Laura & Steve Barry, Karen Bourquin

Greeters: LuAnne Gustafson, RaNay Keller

Acolytes: Madi Tooke, Lacey Peterson

Coffee Ministry: Volunteers needed for all Sunday Masses

Bread Bakers: Feb. 25, 26: Anita Kump
March 3, 4: Sheila Hill

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 12, 2012
\$4,352.

PRaise!

Cumulative Offering

2/13/2011 \$210,373

2/12/2012 \$206,977

Thank you for your generosity.

Share.



The Woodpecker might have to go!



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. If you are not registered, have a change of address, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

Name _____ Date: _____
 _____ New parishioner/Registration form requested

Address _____
 _____ New Address

_____ New Phone Number

Phone _____
 _____ I am moving