

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

AUGUST 2, 2026



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mass will change to 1:00pm on Sundays beginning on Sunday, August 16.**
- Thank you, Eric and Patty Campbell for trimming our trees and taking care of the branches!
- **Position Open:** We have a position for a part-time commercial cleaner. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time job, please see the job description and application on the table in the back.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 8/2/26	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 8/3/26	
Tues. 8/4/26	
Wed. 8/5/26	Daily Mass: 11am
Thurs. 8/6/26	
Fri. 8/7/26	
Sat. 8/8/26	
Sun. 8/9/26	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am Coffee hour after Mass



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although most of you have likely already heard the announcement at Mass, I wanted to write and provide some more context and detail regarding the upcoming schedule changes for the three parishes I am responsible for. First off, here is the new schedule, which will go into effect on Sunday, August 16.

Sunday Mass Schedule

9am- Holy Cross (confessions from 8-845am)
1pm- St. Bartholomew (confessions from 12-1245pm)
5pm (4:30pm in winter months)- St. Joseph (confessions from 4-445pm)

Weekdays

Monday-Harlowton (Mass-12pm, Adoration-1245-330pm; confessions-1245-145pm)
Tuesday-White Sulphur Springs (Mass-11am; Adoration & confessions-1145-1245pm)
Wednesday/Thursday-Townsend (Mass-12pm; Adoration & confessions Wed-1245-145pm)

The main thrust behind these changes is minimizing driving time and thereby maximizing the amount of time and energy I have to spend with you while reducing stress and wear and tear on me personally. Currently the schedule is quite hectic and I'm often scrambling from one place to another, from one thing to another and this just isn't desirable or sustainable. The lynchpin in all of this is, of course, Sunday since I'm driving the full distance of my territory twice and then doing it again during the week with the current schedule. Therefore, it makes most sense to start on Sunday in Townsend and finish in Harlowton, stay overnight there and then work my way back to Townsend during the week. Another key factor is building in more leeway between the Sunday Masses, which allows more time upfront for travel and for confessions, and on the back end allows me to spend more time at the various locations after Mass vs. rushing off.

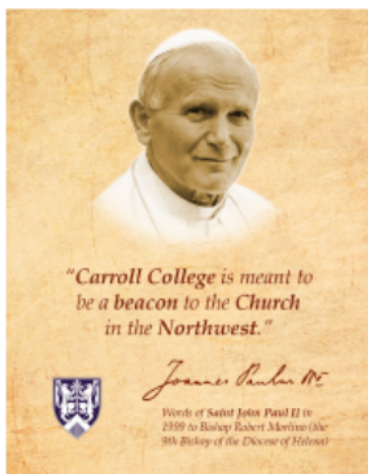
You will also notice a concerted effort to make sure each location has confessions and Adoration during the week, giving each more opportunities to encounter our Lord! Saturday will remain unchanged for now, continuing to function as a flex day for me to catch up on items that get deferred as I'm bouncing around from location to location, to attend to various ministerial needs (i.e. weddings, funerals, home-bound visits) and to attend to personal needs such as shopping and exercise that also get deferred.

I realize that some of the adjustments being made are not ideal. But at the same time, some of the current scheduled items are less than ideal as well. Given our geographical layout, we just have a number of limitations that make things difficult and require tradeoffs. And you probably know that better than me, the newcomer! So I do thank you for being open to yet another set of changes and ask for your patience as this all plays out. We will reassess things over time and make adjustments as needed. But for now, let's remain open to the graces and blessings that the Lord wants to lavish upon us as we move forward together. This is a golden opportunity to strengthen our communities and grow together in Him, relying more on Him and less on ourselves. Let us then walk with Him and love each other all the more in this time of transition!

Thanks again and God bless!
Fr. Joe



In Other News...



ROME PILGRIMAGE

In May, 34 Carroll students and staff, led by Fr. Tyler Frohlich and Fr. Marc Lenneman, embarked on a two-week pilgrimage through Rome and Assisi in the footsteps of the Saints. The group found faith, growth, connection, and lifelong memories throughout their journey.

MEDICINE IN MEXICO

In January, Carroll faculty, healthcare providers, and students returned safely from another successful Medicine in Mexico outreach trip. The group was hosted at Santa María del Mexicano in Colón, Querétaro, Mexico, and provided comprehensive medical wellness exams, including optical and dental screenings, for students, faculty, staff, and religious members of the mission. carroll.edu/mim

CARITAS SERVICE TRIPS

During spring break, Carroll Campus Ministry led students on annual Caritas service immersion trips to Browning, MT, and Chicago. Students served in schools, food pantries, after-school programs, and community outreach ministries while building relationships and growing in faith. A long-standing Carroll tradition, the trips offer meaningful opportunities for service, reflection, and solidarity. carroll.edu/caritas26



STUDENT RESEARCH FESTIVAL

On April 24, Carroll held its annual Student Research Festival (SRF). This is an incredible academic event celebrating the new knowledge Carroll students are contributing to the world through student-faculty collaborative research. Learn more at carroll.edu/srf.

CARROLL THEATRE: A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

In April, Carroll's theatre department invited the Helena community to its Spring 2026 Theatre for Young Audiences production, A Year with Frog and Toad. School-age children from around the area packed our sold-out FLEX Theatre to enjoy a whimsical show following two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. The show concluded a successful 2025-26 year – learn more at carroll.edu/theatre.





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News from the Hilltop

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP

It has been an honor to serve as Co-President of Carroll College this past year. While I have been closely connected to Carroll since becoming Bishop, this opportunity allowed me to engage with the college in an entirely new and special way. Over the past year, I have had the joy of getting to know more of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators and to witness firsthand the incredible work taking place across campus. I leave this role even more convinced of the strength of Carroll's mission and the extraordinary people who carry it forward each day. I am also incredibly confident about Carroll's future. Dr. Jennifer Glowienka has demonstrated exceptional leadership, deep commitment to our mission, and a genuine love for this institution and its people. As she becomes Carroll's 20th president, I truly believe the college is in very good hands. Her vision, wisdom, and dedication will serve Carroll well in the years ahead. Though the Co-Presidency is coming to an end, my commitment to Carroll remains unchanged. I will continue serving as Chancellor, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a partner in advancing the college's mission and Catholic identity. Thank you for your support, your friendship, and your prayers throughout this year. Please know that you remain in mine!

In Christ, I am

Bishop Austin Vetter



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OUR 2027 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

We've made it easier than ever to apply. We've simplified and accelerated our process to make applying and receiving financial aid faster, clearer, and more accessible.

We welcome students who are ready to grow, explore, and lead. Guided by our Catholic mission, we are creating new pathways to a Carroll education while maintaining the academic rigor and personal attention that define who we are.



APPLY AT:

carroll.edu/apply



FREE MACBOOK NEO LAPTOP FOR FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADS

Carroll College has received a transformative philanthropic commitment from Helena's Shelly Goldberg and Ryan McCauley that will provide every incoming full-time, first-year undergraduate student with a free MacBook Neo laptop, beginning with the Fall 2026 class. The *Saints Smart Start Initiative* is intended to support future incoming classes in the years ahead. Learn more at carroll.edu/neo.



PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Joe Paddock

Email: stbartholomew@gmail.com

Website: stbartholomewmt.org

Phone Number: 406-547-3737

Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Funerals: Contact Parish Office

Scripture Readings

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-3

Resp: Ps. 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Reading 2: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

To keep up with the rising costs of living and running a parish our annual budget has increased slightly from previous recent years. The annual goal is \$54,000 with a weekly average need of \$1039.

Weekly Collection totals:

6/21/26—\$1578.13

6/28/26—\$853.00

7/5/26—6094.00

Including \$5000 Catholic Extension Grant

7/12/26—1903.00

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!