

ST. BARTHOLOMEW
JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Chosen Movie night is Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm at Stageline. This will be RE and Youth Group for the week. Please take a postcard to give to your family and friends.
- If you have not received message from the parish about Mass cancellations and would like to, contact Fr. Cody with your preference of either an email or text message.
- I am in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is willing to be a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Cody.
- The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off several months ago with our parish goal of \$6800. So far we have raised \$1420. Please consider donating to this important campaign to run the necessary functions of our Diocese.
- Please see the handout at the front of the Church for information on the pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima this October!

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to
Father Cody.



VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 1/12/25	The Baptism of our Lord Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 am
Mon. 1/13/25	
Tues. 1/14/25	
Wed. 1/15/25	Daily Mass: 11:00 am Catholicism 201 after Mass RE 4:00pm; Youth Group 6:30pm.
Thurs. 1/16/25	
Fri. 1/17/25	
Sat. 1/18/25	
Sun. 1/19/25	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 am

Basics of Catholicism part 71—The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The third principal part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the only one that requires a priest. We can acknowledge our sin and be contrite. God can even choose to forgive anyone he wants at any time. Yet, the Sacrament exists because of our need for the assurance of being forgiven and to be honest with ourselves. Therefore, the third principal part is the Prayer of Absolution. The Prayer of Absolution is the prayer that defines this Sacrament and gives it its character. Without this prayer, the Sacrament would be nothing more than a chat session or a counseling session. Once this prayer is said, all the sins the person confessed are absolved. They are gone. The person is no longer held accountable for those sins in the eyes of God. Due to the power of this prayer and its value in forgiving sins, priests are very careful when and how they say this prayer. The Church has an option called “General Absolution.” General Absolution functions very similarly to a normal Confession except that the only part of this event is the Prayer of Absolution. In extreme cases, when it is either not possible or not pastorally prudent to hear everyone’s confession, the priest can say the Prayer of Absolution and absolve everyone of their sins. This is the power of this prayer. I will come back to issues regarding General Absolution and its limitations later. For now, I use this example to show the incredible power of this prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus gave the power of forgive sins on his behalf to his priests who use this power for all of you. Through the Prayer of Absolution we can hear the words that we are forgiven, know with certainty about our absolution, and be able to feel confident and healed leaving the Sacrament.

Which leads us to the fourth principal part of the Sacrament: Satisfaction. The most common way that the Church explains the importance of “satisfaction” as part of this Sacrament is through the penance. The penance that the priest gives the person is a simple way through which we can help to overcome our sinful behaviors, recognize God’s goodness, and return to the Lord. These penances aren’t meant to be severe or overly difficult lest we believe that we cause our own forgiveness. Instead, they are a movement of the heart towards God saying “Lord, I want to do better for you.” Thus the first way to understand the character of satisfaction is through our gift of a penance with the hope of bringing good into the world out of our evil. The second way to understand satisfaction is the feeling of being forgiven. Often, especially for people who frequently receive absolution, people don’t necessarily feel forgiven after leaving the confessional. This is not a problem. If we limit satisfaction to a feeling, we dismiss the power of this part of the Sacrament. Satisfaction is the fundamental belief that we have been forgiven, a new life has dawned for us, Jesus has shown us the power of his death and Resurrection, and now we are in God’s good graces. These statements of belief should be enough to encourage everyone to go. We need to fundamentally believe that we are forgiven, that God is merciful, that we have been fully forgiven, and that we are not bound to our sins anymore for the full effect of satisfaction to transform our lives.

Fr. Cody

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

11/17/24—\$1,161.00

11/24/24—\$340.00

12/1/24—\$656.00

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!

Scripture Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 12, 2025

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Reading 2: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

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

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

Celebrating
MARRIAGE
WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES //
RECEPTION //

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES, FROM THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMMEMORATED OVER SIX DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.

EVENT DETAILS

FEBRUARY 14TH // BEGINS WITH 6:00PM MASS // RECEPTION TO FOLLOW // HEAVY APPETIZERS AND DESSERT INCLUDED // SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE // \$25 PER COUPLE

CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST WHILE SPACES LAST.

February 14th

RSVP USING THE QR CODE OR AT
[HTTPS://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CELEBRATING-
MARRIAGE/](https://diocesehelena.org/celebrating-marriage/)

