

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

MARCH 1, 2026



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Chosen Movie night is this Wednesday, **March 4th** at **6pm** at Stageline Theater. Free pizza, free movie, great show. All are welcome!
- The RE Ski Day is this Friday, **March 6th**. Please contact Father Cody if you are planning to attend.
- The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Thursday, **March 19th** at **6:30pm**.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 3/1/26	Second Sunday of Lent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 3/2/26	
Tues. 3/3/26	
Wed. 3/4/26	Daily Mass: 11:00am Church Father's Series: 11:30am Chosen Movie Night: 6:00pm
Thurs. 3/5/26	
Fri. 3/6/26	RE Ski Day
Sat. 3/7/26	
Sun. 3/8/26	Third Sunday of Lent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am Coffee Hour after Mass

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

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.**

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Reading 1: Genesis 12:1-4a

Resp. Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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:

1/11/26—\$1018.00

1/18/26—\$1204.00

1/25/26—\$447.00

2/1/26—\$910.00

2/8/26—\$1802.00

Thank you for your generous support of
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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

MARCH 20-22, 2026

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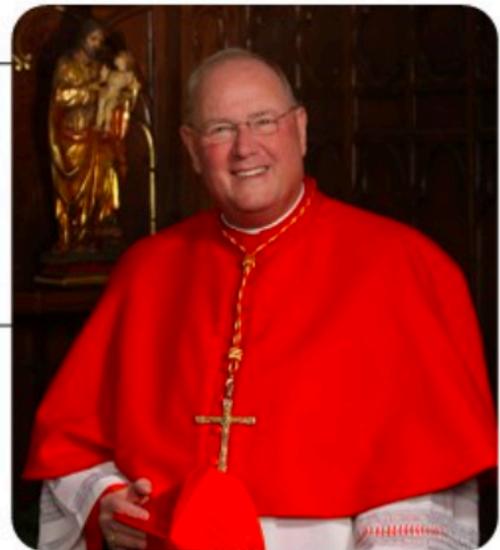
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
Diocese of Helena

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 Saturday morning and will celebrate Mass on Friday night.

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!

	Standard Registration Feb 15 - Mar 10	Late Registration Mar 11 - Mar 20
Adults & High School Youth	\$100	\$120
College Students & CYC Board	\$50	\$70
Grades K-8	\$50	\$50

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

Basics of Catholicism Part 125—The Vows

The most essential part of the marriage rite is the vows. The vows are the promises that the couple makes to themselves which binds them together and forms the marriage bond. Without the vows, the marriage didn't happen. The vows emphasize and express the essential parts of marriage so that couple is agreeing to and promising to live the married life. These vows are made to each other and to God. The priest only receives the vows on behalf of the Church. The Church accepts two forms of these vows, which I included below:

I, N, take you, N, to be my wife/husband
I promise to be faithful to you
In good times and in bad
In sickness and in health
To love you and to honor you
All the days of my life

I, N, take you, N, for my lawful wife/husband,
To have and to hold, from this day forward,
For better, for worse,
For richer, for poorer,
In sickness and in health
To love and to cherish
Until death do us part.

Both of these types of vows express the same point. Marriage is a bond that lasts until death, as Jesus made clear in his teaching on marriage. Marriage is for the good of the spouses which means that they will remain together throughout the challenges of life. We can't assume that when the finances are down, the love is no longer there, or sickness takes a toll that we can jump ship and end the marriage. Marriage is a commitment, a promise, a desire to stay with someone for your entire life. Lastly, to love someone is to dedicate your life and to sacrifice for that person. Hence, the second to final line of both of the vows: "to love you ..." A promise, a vow, a commitment to love.

These vows are so critical that our marriage prep programs are designed to emphasize these points so that the couple can reflect on them. If one or both people don't agree to the vows or don't understand the vows they are taking, then the marriage didn't happen. This is how critical these vows are.

Fr. Cody