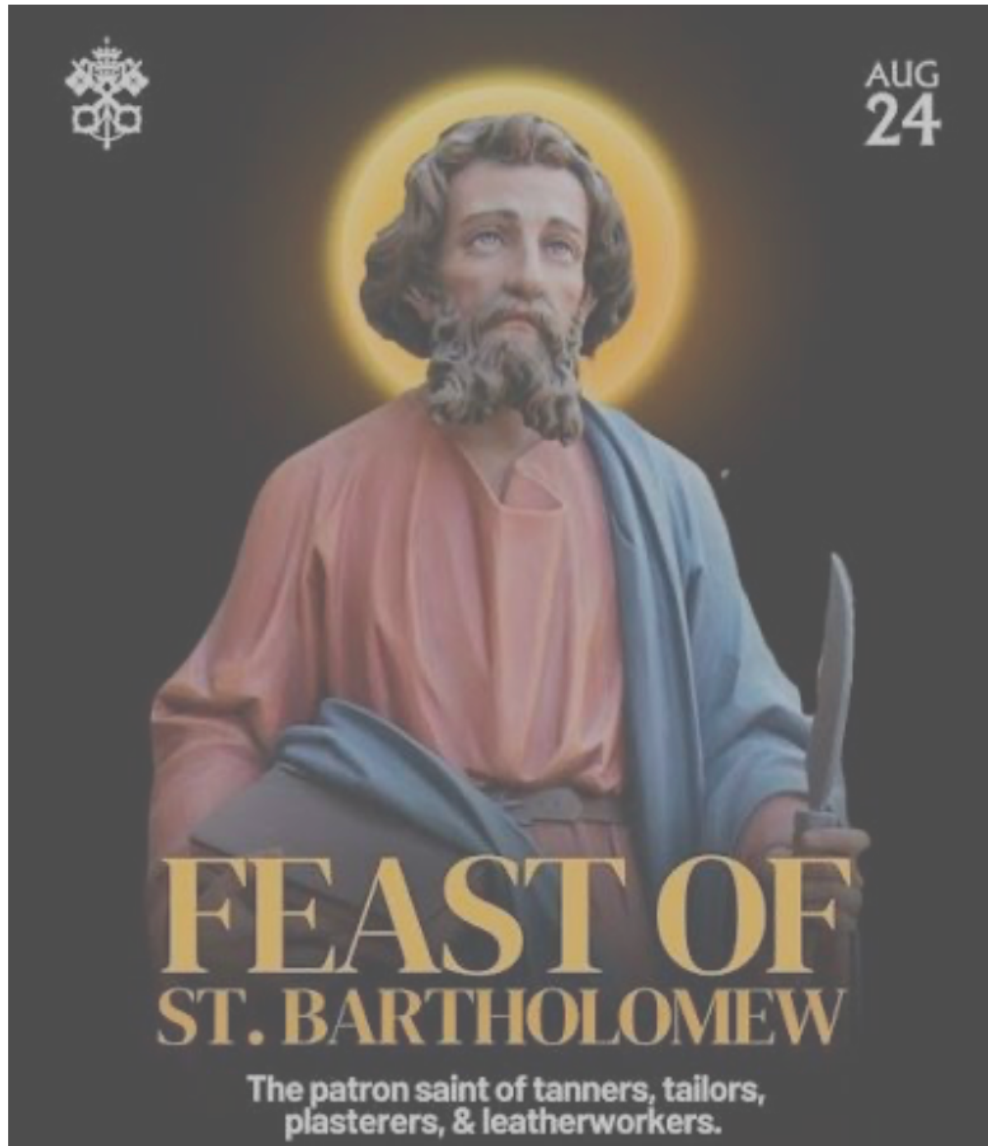


ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

AUGUST 23, 2026



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We have the opportunity to participate in a 33-day Marian Consecration based off Fr. Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory* group retreat and study guide which can be purchased for \$20 on Amazon. This will begin **September 4** and conclude **October 7** on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Reach out to Fr. Joe or the parish office for more information.
 - ◇ We will kick this off on **Tuesday, September 1** with the official start date being September 4.
 - ◇ Scholarships will be offered for those who want to participate but are unable to buy the book
 - ◇ The cutoff day for sign-up is this **Tuesday, August 25** as this is the last day to order the book and study guide from Amazon and get it in time.
- **St. Bartholomew's Day BBQ**
 - ◇ Join us after Mass today for a BBQ to celebrate our patron, St. Bartholomew!
- **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.
- On **Sunday, September 20** Bishop Vetter will be at **Holy Cross in Townsend** to officially install Father Joe as the priest for our 3 parishes. You are welcome and encouraged to join at 9am in Townsend!

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 8/23/26	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 12:30pm Confession: 12-12:45pm Mass: 1:00pm St. Bartholomew Day BBQ to follow Mass
Mon. 8/24/26	Happy St. Bartholomew Feast Day! - St. Bartholomew, pray for us.
Tues. 8/25/26	Daily Mass: 11am Adoration and Confessions: 11:45am-12:45pm
Wed. 8/26/26	
Thurs. 8/27/26	
Fri. 8/28/26	
Sat. 8/29/26	
Sun. 8/30/26	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 12:30pm Confession: 12-12:45pm Mass: 1:00pm



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

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

Scriptural Readings:

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 22:19-23

Resp: Ps. 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Reading 2: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 12:00-12:45pm
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 12:30pm

Sunday Mass: 1pm

Daily Mass: Tuesdays—11am

Collection Totals:

<u>Week of August 16th</u>	
Checks	\$ 1,165.00
Loose	\$ 143.00
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 1,308.00
Total Weekly Goal	126%
<u>Monthly Summary</u>	
<u>August</u>	
Week 1	\$ 2,063.00
Week 2	\$ 1,001.00
Week 3	\$ 1,308.00
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$ 4,372.00
% Monthly Contribution	105%
Total Year to Date	\$12,154.00
% Year to Date Goal	167%

Collection Goals:

Weekly Goal: \$ 1,039.00

Monthly Goal: \$ 4,156.00

Annual Goal: \$ 54,000.00

YTD Goal: \$ 7,273.00

Thank you for your generous support of St. Bartholomew! God bless you.

To keep up with inflation and the rising costs of running a parish our annual budget has increased slightly from previous recent years. We are so appreciative of your support and prayers!



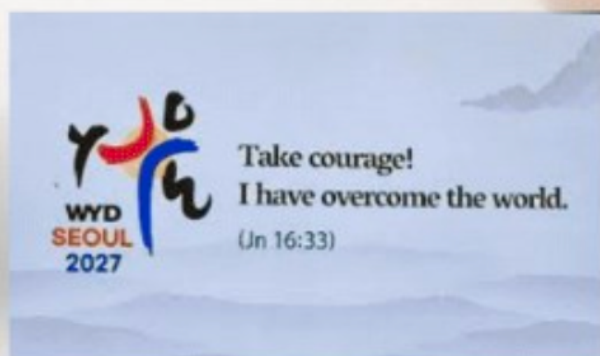
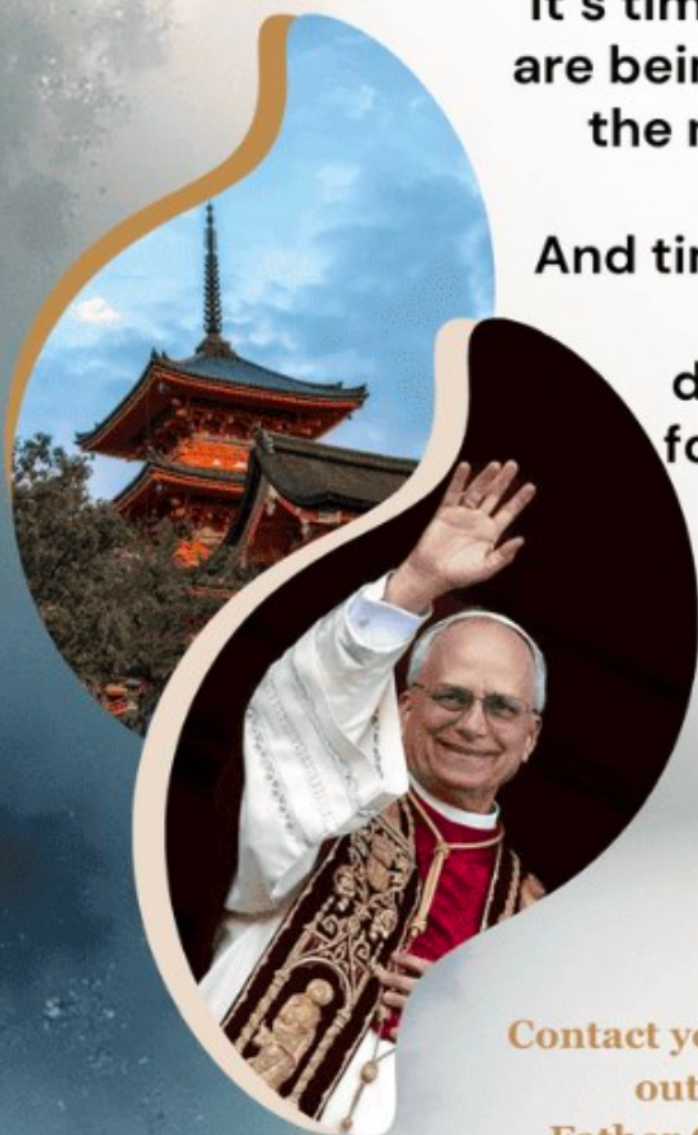
World Youth Day 2027

Seoul, South Korea

Montana WYD Pilgrims

**It's time to discern whether you
are being called to be a Pilgrim to
the next World Youth Day!**

**And time to prepare our hearts,
get ready and
do some fundraising
for August 1-10, 2027!**



**Contact your Parish Youth Leader to find
out more by reaching out to
Father Cody Williams or Mandy Bell
to get your name on the list!**

Contact: Father Cody Williams or Mandy Bell
FrCWilliams@HolyCrossMT.org MT.WorldYouthDay@gmail.com

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 for the Diocese of Helena 2026-2027

Riley Helgoe, Carson Gorton, Anthony Olmes, Jake Smith, James Semling, Liam Aippersbach, Jamie Severson, Ryan Frampton, Carter Anderson, Peter Fiocchi, Shae Bills, Nathan Olmes, Matt Keck, and John Cooney.

BISHOP'S GALA

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Travel to Our

Guatemala Mission

Fall 2026
October 1-8

Travel Sites



Clínica Maxeña



Lake Atitlán



La Asunción School



Bl. Stanley Rother Parish

The Diocese of Helena invites adults (30+) to participate on a journey to Guatemala. The cost is \$2,500 and includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation. Sign Up Now! Limited slots available.



Contact
Maggie Phelan:
406.389.7053
mphelan@dohmt.org



Information and Signup:
diocesehelena.org/guatemala

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HOST



Debbie Sullivan-Walchuk is a parishner at St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula, MT. She hails from Butte.

CHAPLAIN



Fr. Mark Hoelsken, SJ, Assistant Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula, MT



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