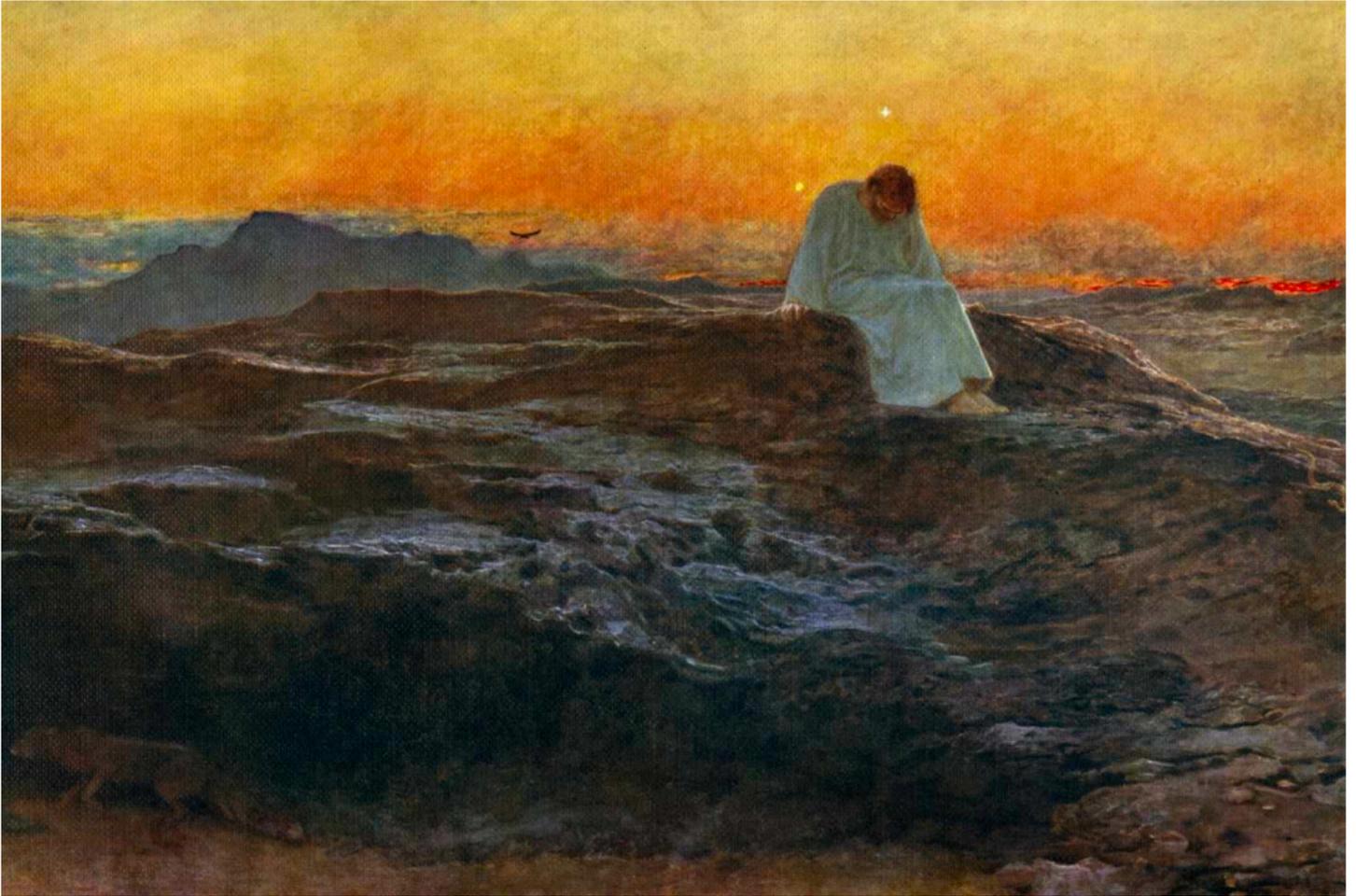


ST. BARTHOLOMEW
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Church Fathers series is every Wednesday from 11:30 -1. If you would like notes or to join the livestream version of it, please contact Fr. Cody.
- The next Ask a Priest night is on **Wednesday, February 25th at 6pm**. The topic is: Did Jesus establish one church? Anyone is welcome to come. Free dinner.
- The next Chosen Movie night is on Wednesday, **March 4th at 6pm** at Stageline Theater.
- The RE Ski Day has been rescheduled for Friday, **March 6th**.
- The next Parish Coffee Hour is after Mass Sunday, **March 8th**

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 2/22/26	First Sunday of Lent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 2/23/26	
Tues. 2/24/26	
Wed. 2/25/26	Daily Mass: 11:00am Church Father's Series: 11:30am RE: 4:00pm
Thurs. 2/26/26	
Fri. 2/27/26	
Sat. 2/28/26	
Sun. 3/1/26	Second Sunday of Lent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

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

1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Resp. Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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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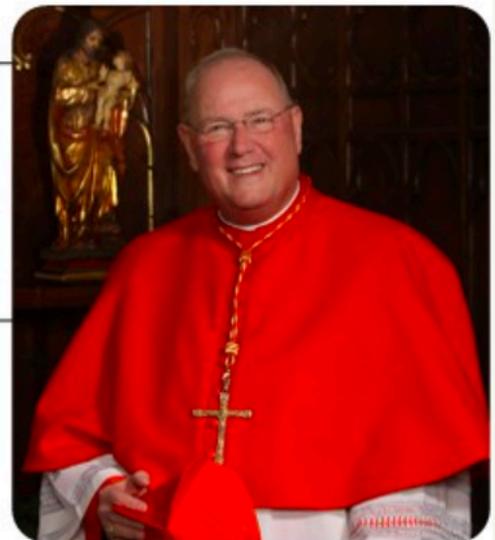


A Weekend for Worship, Encounter, and Renewal

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 124—The Ends of Marriage.

The Sacrament of Marriage has two principal ends or goals. These form the purposes of marriage and the value of marriage. The two ends of marriage are: the good of the spouses and the procreation of children.

The good of the spouses:

One of the important goals of marriage is the mutual care of the married couple. One of the options for the vows states: “for better or for worse, for richer or for poor, in good times and in bad.” These vows explain that each person of the couple knows that they are vowing to care for their spouse in any situation that may arise. This marriage is not just for convenience or for love. They do not marry because it is forced upon them or they don’t have a better option. Marriage is the free gift to care for a singular person for the rest of your life and to care for the good of that person. The good of the spouse is also a spiritual good. The ultimate goal of any married couple is to lead each other to Heaven. Therefore, the first essential end of marriage is the mutual care of the two people in the couple for as long as they shall live.

The procreation of children:

God is three in one and one in three. We do not believe in only one person in God nor that we have two gods. This starting point is important for understanding the second end of marriage: the procreation of children. Love is always unitive and procreative. A good friendship brings life into both friends and helps them to support and encourage one another. Love is also life-giving. Love seeks to bring new life into the world and to share that new life with the world. The same applies to the nature of God, from whom this end is derived. God could have been Father and Son. The love shared between the Father and the Son would be compared to a strong and life-giving friendship. From eternity, however, love always gives life and forms another. Therefore, the love shared between the Father and the Son is so strong and complete that it manifests itself in the third person of the Trinity who is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the love shared between the Father and the Son which is so life-giving that it proceeds the third person of the Trinity completing the relationship. The same applies to married couples. Their marriages are meant to be life-giving and to produce children. Today, this end is becoming complicated. Does every married couple need to have children in order to have a valid marriage? No. The desire for children and for their marriage to be life-giving is necessary. The life-giving nature of marriage can manifest itself in biological children, adopted children, care for the children of the community, a motherly or fatherly care for all people, or even a desire to give their lives for the good of the community. All of these bring life through the joy to the love shared in the bonds of marriage.

Fr. Cody