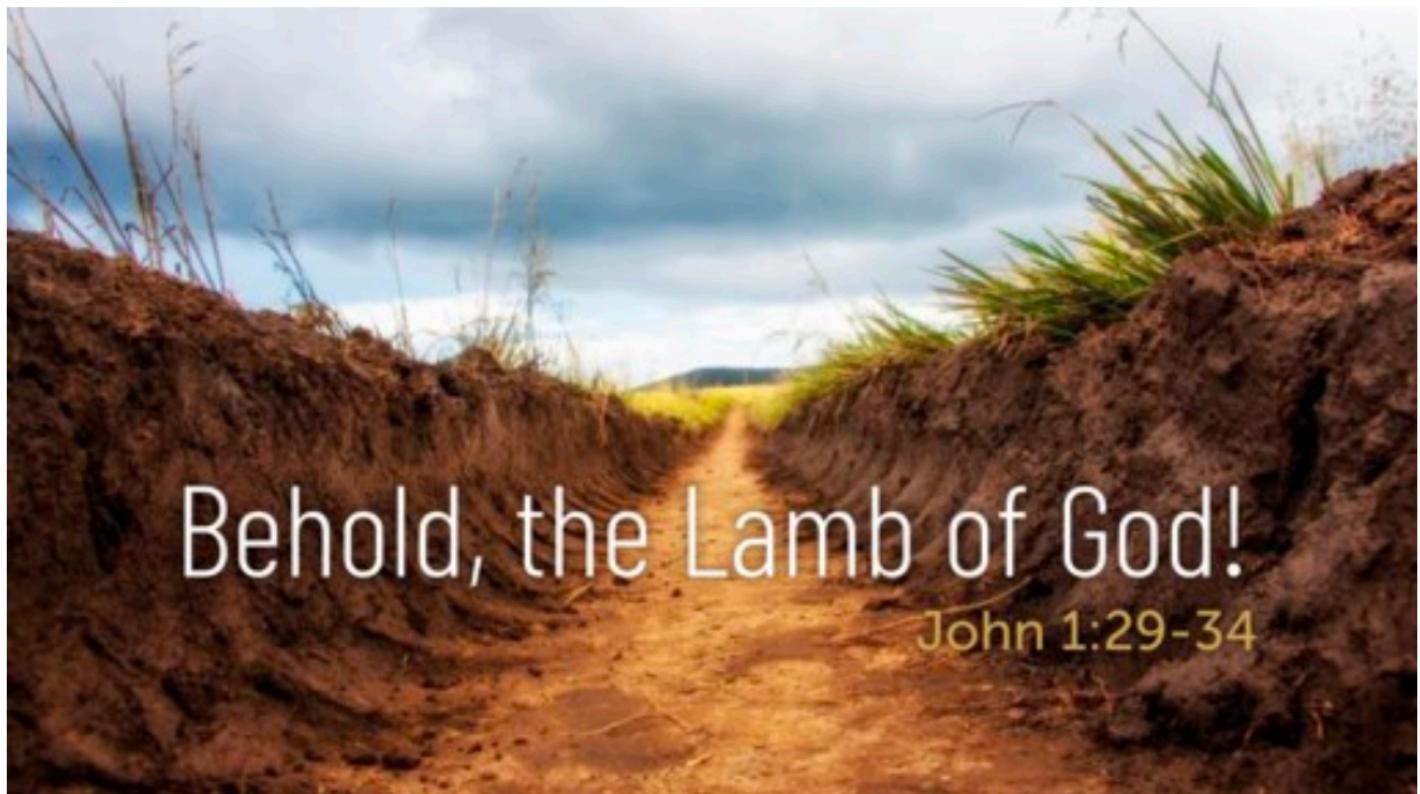


# ST. BARTHOLOMEW

# JANUARY 18, 2026



**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**

## **FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- RE continues this **Wednesday at 4 pm**.
- The next Ask a Priest night is this **Wednesday, January 21st at 6 pm**. Dinner starts at 6 with the presentation at 6:30. Questions are encouraged. The topic for the night is "What do Catholics believe about the Bible?"
- An RE Ski Day is scheduled for **Friday, January 23rd** at Showdown. If you are interested, contact Fr. Cody.
- The fall session of the Church Fathers series has concluded. Notes for the series are available on the table at the entrance to the church and online on our website.
  - ◊ The series will return **Wednesday, January 28th at 11:30am**.
- We have reached 53% of our ACA goal with only \$3150 left to go. If you have not made a donation to the ACA, please consider supporting the Diocesan church and our church with these funds.
- The next Chosen Movie Night is on **Wednesday, February 4th at 6 pm** at Stageline Theater.



**You're Invited to Our**  
***Fireside Gala***  
**Saturday,**  
**January 24, 2026**  
101 S. Walnut St., Townsend  
Holy Cross Church.

**Enjoy a cozy night out!**  
Steak dinner with appetizers, salad, main course, and dessert.  
\$50/plate  
Seating times:  
4:00pm, 5:00pm, or 6:00pm  
Bring your own beer or wine!

For reservations  
call: 406-266-4811  
or scan the QR code

Proceeds go to Holy Cross Church

**QR code**

# **Change for Life**

**Options**  
clinic &  
education center

As you leave today, please pick up a baby bottle. These bottles are a fundraiser for Options Clinic, our local pregnancy medical clinic offering life-affirming services to those facing an unintended pregnancy.

**With the help of your generosity, we are offering...**

 FREE clinical grade pregnancy tests	 FREE options education
 FREE early ultrasound	 Low-Cost STD testing & treatment
 FREE KidSmart parenting classes	 Free/Low-Cost well-woman care
 FREE supplies for new parents	 Free after-abortion recovery

**Please return bottles to OR**  
**church in 3 weeks.**

**Give Here** 

**Together, we are Offering Hope & Building Families.**

Options Clinic is a 501(C)3. For more information, visit OptionsHelena.org or call 406.422.1011. Thank you. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

## **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 Ordinary Time**

January 18, 2026

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Resp. Psalm: 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

### **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:**

11/30/25—\$314.00

12/7/25—\$1611.00

12/14/25—1398.30

12/21/25—705.00

Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Bartholomew!

## 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.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 1/18/26	<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 1/19/26	
Tues. 1/20/26	
Wed. 1/21/26	Daily Mass: 11am RE: 4pm
Thurs. 1/22/26	
Fri. 1/23/26	RE Ski Day @ Showdown
Sat. 1/24/26	
Sun. 1/25/26	<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

BECOMING A MAN OF PRAYER



*Men's*  
**SKI RETREAT**

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1

Join Fr. Cody Williams and other men for a weekend of prayer, skiing/snowboarding, and fraternal time. For more information go to [holycrossmt.org/skiretreat](http://holycrossmt.org/skiretreat)

**\$50**

(covers food & lodging;  
lift ticket not included)

INFO & SIGN UP



## Basics of Catholicism Part 119—Marriage

Before we venturing into the degradation of marriage caused by the fall, we need to examine God's specific words about the true nature of marriage found within our first parents. God created Eve to be a special partner for Adam, different from all the other creatures. How? By taking part of Adam to make Eve, God established a bond which is "bone from my bone and flesh from my flesh." Adam's exclamation proclaims Eve's incredible value to Adam and the uniqueness of their relationship. Eve is the same substance as Adam, they share the same body, they are wed and one. This oneness gives a new dimension to their relationship. Their relationship is unlike any other creation and unlike any other relationship they can have with any creature. Now, their mission. We cannot ignore the detail that God took Adam's rib. He could have taken an arm, leg, piece of skin, hair, anything else. Some would have been inconsequential. God didn't; he took a rib. A bone that encases and protects the heart. Adam's job was to protect Eve's heart and keep her safe in the Garden. From what? From all temptations and challenges. Eve was given the task to be Adam's helper. The only other time the word "helper" is used is in relation to God to humanity. Note this incredible detail: Eve took the place of God to Adam in this relationship. Adam and Eve were now tasked with caring for the Garden and each other.

We know what happened next. Yet, we don't take the time to realize how this affected their relationship and marriage. When Eve ate the fruit of the tree and thus incurred the first sin, where was Adam? Right next to her watching the whole event unfold. The one who was tasked with protecting her heart failed in his job. Thus, the marriage relationship entered into a sorry and pitiable state. God told them what was about to happen. Adam would have dominance over his wife and Eve would pine for Adam. They could no longer be in an equal and mutualistic relationship. Marriage took a dark and sinister turn.

With this introduction in mind, we can now appreciate Jesus' words to the Pharisees about marriage. Marriage from the beginning was meant to be a state of equality between husband and wife. It was meant to be a state of mutual help and care. It was meant to be a place of encounter with God and a calling to protect each other so that God could remain in their relationship. Jesus reminds us of these core values through which God founded the covenant of marriage.

For us, however, we do not believe that marriage is simply a covenant or pact but a Sacrament. How do we get from the covenant of marriage enacted with Adam and Eve to a Sacrament that expresses the will of God and the ministry of Jesus to the world?

Fr. Cody