

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW

## FEBRUARY 15, 2026



SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME

## **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.
- Ash Wednesday Mass is on **Wednesday, February 18th at 4:30pm.**
  - ◊ No RE due to Ash Wednesday Mass.
- 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.**

<b>St. Bartholomew Calendar</b>	
Sun. 2/15/26	<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 2/16/26	
Tues. 2/17/26	
Wed. 2/18/26	Ash Wednesday: Mass at 4:30pm
Thurs. 2/19/26	
Fri. 2/20/26	
Sat. 2/21/26	
Sun. 2/22/26	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 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**

#### **6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

February 15, 2026

Reading 1: Sirach 15:15-20

Resp. Psalm: 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

### **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:**

12/28/25—1709.29

1/4/26—1196.00

1/11/26—1018.00

1/18/26—1204.00

1/25/26—447.00

Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Bartholomew!



## *News from the Hilltop*

### **INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP AND CO-PRESIDENT**

Greetings to you! It has been a joy to witness the lasting impact Carroll College has had on you. So many of you are alumni, friends, relatives, and benefactors, and have been strongly committed to Carroll's success for decades. Thank you! I am deeply grateful for your generosity and continued commitment. As our diocesan college, we Catholics of the Diocese of Helena share an important responsibility to strengthen the enduring partnership between the Diocese of Helena and Carroll College. In the coming days, you will receive a mailing from me regarding Carroll College, where I invite you to join me in thoughtfully considering Carroll College in your almsgiving this Lent. No matter the size, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Know of my prayers, and keep me in yours!

In Christ, I am

Bishop Austin Vetter



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### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARISH STUDENTS**

We are pleased to once again offer a Carroll College scholarship to a prospective student from your parish, named in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls–Billings. This scholarship is funded by Carroll College in the amount of \$1,000, with the recipient selected by your parish. Parishes are welcome and encouraged to match or add to this amount.

The Carroll-funded portion of this scholarship is available only to students entering Carroll College for the first time in Fall 2026. Parishes may continue to support currently enrolled students with parish funds, but Carroll's contribution applies solely to incoming students. If multiple awards are offered, Carroll will match them as long as they are awarded to incoming students and the parish agrees to match the funds.

Parishes are asked to submit a letter of recommendation for their selected student to Carroll College's Financial Aid Office by March 15, 2026.

### **FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE VISIT DAY: CATHOLIC VISIT DAY**

On Friday, March 20, 2026, Carroll College will also host a Faith in Your Future Visit Day, designed for high school students interested in learning more about Carroll's Catholic mission, faith life, and campus community. Scheduled alongside the Eucharistic Congress, this visit day offers a natural opportunity to explore Carroll earlier in the day and then take part in the Congress and CYC Convention activities throughout the weekend.

All high school students are welcome to attend. Individual visits may also be scheduled at [carroll.edu/visit](http://carroll.edu/visit).



## *Other Opportunities*

### **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND CYC CONVENTION**

Carroll College is excited to welcome students and families to campus for the Eucharistic Congress and CYC Convention, March 20–22, 2026. This special weekend will feature Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York, widely known for his engaging presence, leadership in the Catholic Church, and thoughtful voice on faith and public life.

### **CATHOLIC ROOM GRANT**

As a Catholic, diocesan college, Carroll College believes in the value of Catholic education at all levels. We are so grateful to those who make the sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools.

To demonstrate our appreciation, and thanks to the generosity of Carroll donors, the College is blessed to offer a Catholic High School Room Grant to eligible graduates of Catholic high schools throughout the United States as part of our commitment to the shared enterprise of Catholic education.

For 2026 graduates of Catholic high schools that apply and are accepted to Carroll by May 1, the Catholic Room Grant provides approximately 50 percent off the cost of housing for freshman year.

For eligibility and requirements, visit [carroll.edu/roomgrant](https://carroll.edu/roomgrant).

### **CARITAS TRIPS**

From March 8–14, 2026, Carroll College students will participate in Caritas Service Immersion Trips through Campus Ministry. Students will be traveling to Chicago, IL, and Browning, MT. These life-changing trips will immerse them in the realities and needs of people with economic, educational, cultural, and social challenges. Please pray for our students!

### **STUDENT RESEARCH FESTIVAL**

We would like to invite you to the Carroll College Student Research Festival (SRF) on April 24, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there! This year's SRF keynote speaker is Mauricio López Dropeza. This keynote explores how *Laudato Si'*, integral ecology, and global community experiences—from the Amazon to Montana—offer a faith-rooted, hopeful path toward healing our planet and ourselves through connection, dialogue, and shared action.

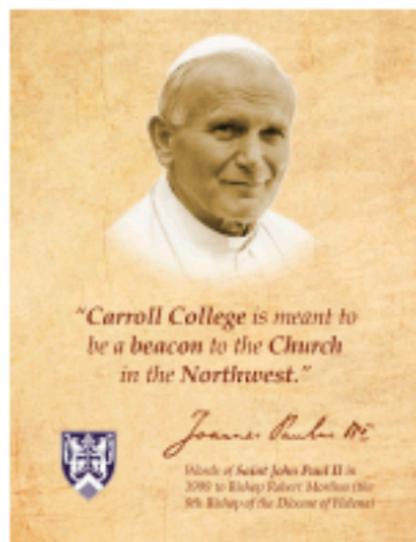
For more information visit [carroll.edu/srf](https://carroll.edu/srf).

### **CAMPUS EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Carroll College is proud of the time and care our faculty invest in hosting events that are open to the public. Upcoming offerings include *Against Tech Determinism: Change, Innovation, and the 'AI is here like it or not' argument*, and *Immigration Law and Catholic Social Teaching: A Panel Discussion*. We invite you to join us for either or both of these events. For more information, visit our campus calendar at [carroll.edu/events](https://carroll.edu/events).

For admission information, email [admissions@carroll.edu](mailto:admissions@carroll.edu). Apply at:

→ [carroll.edu/apply](https://carroll.edu/apply)



## **Basics of Catholicism Part 123—The Symbols of the Sacrament of Marriage**

Each of the Sacraments have symbols that help describe the event taking place and guide us to experience the invisible realities that can be difficult to grasp. The Sacrament of Matrimony has two symbols: the couple and the rings.

### **The Couple**

The most prominent and important symbol of marriage is the couple. Without the couple, the marriage doesn't happen. The couple symbolizes a partnership, a coming together of two parties, a joining or union, and a pact or covenant. We cannot start an agreement or a deal without two parties to form the agreement. We cannot have a partnership without at least two people being present. Notice also that the Church only allows a man and a woman to marry. Not two men or two women or a person and something else. The necessity of a man and a woman shows complementarity in the union. God created man and woman as two parts of a whole. They are not identical but they are equal, they are not two separate entities but complements. The couple is the sign of equality and union, of complementarity and wholeness.

The couple is valuable on another level. The Sacrament of Matrimony is the only Sacrament in which the persons who are receiving the Sacrament are also the ones celebrating the Sacrament. The exchange of vows is the moment in which the Sacrament takes place. The exchange of vows makes the woman and the man the celebrants of the Sacrament not the priest. The priest is there as a witness to the Sacrament on behalf of the Church. The couple perform the Sacrament, they are its agents and its recipients.

### **The Rings**

The exchange of rings is another necessary part of the Marriage Rite. The ring is a circle with no beginning and end. The lack of beginning and end means that the love is everlasting. The exchange of rings is the sign of the everlasting love shared between the couple. The rings also symbolize the exclusiveness of marriage. The couple marks themselves with this universal sign to say to everyone else, I already have a partner for life. During the Marriage Rite, the rings are blessed as they are now a sacramental, an item that pertains to the Sacrament.

Fr. Cody