



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TRENDING THIS WEEK

- Friday, October 25
 - 2nd grade Mass
 - Middle school dance 7-9
- Week of October 28th
 - Red Ribbon Week
- Tuesday, October 29th
 - 2:30 dismissal
- Wednesday, October 30th
 - Fall Sports assembly at 2:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, October 31
 - 5th grade to Starbase
- Friday, November 1st
 - Middle School Saint Wax Museum from 1-3
 - End of 1st quarter
 - 5th grade to Starbase

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

You child can still sign up for the Diocesan middle school retreat on November 2nd. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School will be sending a group with a chaperone. See the attached flier for more information.

WEDNESDAY NOTES

COMING HOME TODAY:

1. Conference schedules
2. 5th-8th grade: Christmas Green Tickets

Our Faith in Action

The 2nd grade will minister at Mass this Friday, October 25, at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Our virtue this month is FAITH. Some ways we can practice faith and urge our kids to do so are through prayer, helping others, respecting all people, reading the Bible, and studying the faith.

Parent Information

Conferences

Conference schedules are coming home today. They are November 7th and 8th. Extended Care will be open during conference hours for students older than 2 years old who have turned in their extended care paperwork.

Middle School Conferences

Middle school conferences are by teacher and parent request only. Please call the school office to request a conference.

Original Works

The original works order forms are due on or before Friday, October 25th. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Middle School Dance

Middle school dance permission slip forms are due tomorrow in order to attend the dance on Friday!

6th graders bring drinks

7th graders bring food

8th graders bring decorations

All Hallows Eve Costumes

All Hallows Eve costumes on the 31st are only to be worn by Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students.

Please see the attached fliers advertising "Red Ribbon Week" dress up days, Christmas Green ticket information, and our new school incentive "On the path to Sainthood"

DARE TO BE DRUG-FREE!

Monday: Clash Day

Tuesday: Disney Day

Wednesday: Wear Red Day

Thursday: Twin Day

Friday: Dress-up/polo day



**DRUG-FREE
STARTS WITH
ME!**

**Week of
October 28th**

Christmas Green Ticket Sales

- **WHAT:** Raffle tickets with a chance to win up to \$1,900.
- **WHO:** All 5-8 grade athletes are required to sell tickets.
 - All other 5-8 graders may sell tickets
- **WHY:** Support the athletic program and help students cover their athletic fees.
- **WHEN:** Drawings start December 1st!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Sold By _____

#001

\$\$\$ Christmas Green \$\$\$



Drawing Daily
Win Up To \$1900
December 2024



Check
the office
and
Wednesday
notes for the
daily
winners!

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
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MUSTANG COMMUNITY CARD

On the path to Sainthood

We are instituting a new school wide reward system. Students will receive the below tickets from adults in the building when they are seen doing something positive. The student will then write his/her name on the ticket, rip that part of the ticket off, and put it in a jar in the office. Once a week Mr. Diekhans will draw two tickets out of the jar. At the end of the month, all students drawn that month will get to eat their lunch with Mr. Diekhans. Mr. Diekhans will provide a special dessert for the chosen students at each lunch!

ASK YOUR KIDS ABOUT "ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD" TICKETS





JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

ALL SOULS DAY

November 2 | Great Falls

A DAY OF FAITH AND FUN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GRADES 6-8 FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF MONTANA. THE DAY WILL MOVE BETWEEN PRAYER, TALKS, MUSIC, GAMES, LITURGY, AND MORE. THIS YEAR WE WILL BREAK OPEN OUR RICH CATHOLIC TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS ABOUT ALL SOULS DAY!



Diocese of
Great Falls-Billings

CO-HOSTED BY:



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
Diocese of Helena

Grades 6-8 | 10am-9pm
at University of Providence

COST:

\$ 55

(FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE)



Information and Registration at:
diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

(TENTATIVE)

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

LOCATION: UNIVERSITY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE,
(1301 20TH ST S., GREAT FALLS, MT 59405)

9:00AM	Doors Open (University Center; West side of U.P.) Check-in Start Games & Music
10:00AM	Opening Prayer and Welcome Session 1 Praise & Worship
12NOON	Lunch (Included with Registration) Session 2 Breakout Sessions
3:00PM	Priest Q&A Session 3 Closing Prayer and Preparation for Mass
5:00PM	Mass (Location TBD) Dinner (Included with Registration)
7:00PM	Celebrate with Music, Dance, & Games! (University Center) End at 8:30pm; Pickup at University Center



We reserve the right to edit.
The final, detailed schedule will be available at check-in.
What won't change: Opening (9am)/End(8:30pm)



MEMO

TO Pastors, and youth ministry leaders in the Catholic dioceses of Montana
(Great Falls-Billings and Helena)

FROM Jessica Brown (Diocese of Great Falls-Billings) &
Kevin Malm (Diocese of Helena)

DATE September 13, 2024

RE Junior High Rally 2024 - A Joint Diocesan Event for Youth in Grades 6-8

Greetings,

For over a decade we have gathered young people at the Junior High Rally (Rally) for the dual purposes of growing in faith and connecting with other Catholic young people. This year, we are excited to announce that our bishops have partnered to co-host this event as a way to serve young people throughout the entire State of Montana!

Rally is designed to inspire the faith of young people in grades 6-8. The emphasis of the event is on evangelization (even pre-evangelization) and friendship building. We invite adult chaperones to embrace this vision by bringing your enthusiasm and joy.

Events like Rally serve as an opportunity for parishes and schools to literally and figuratively accompany young people in their faith. Some of the best "youth ministry" will happen on the rides to/from an event. The lessons and experiences at Rally will bear fruit more abundantly in the hearts of our young people when passionate adult disciples accompany them to the event and then help foster those lessons and experiences of faith in the young people's day-to-day lives.

This is why participants must attend Rally as a part of a local faith community (parish or school). This includes being accompanied by an Adult Chaperone who meets the safe environment requirements of their respective diocese (Diocese of Helena - "VIRTUS"; Diocese of Great Falls-Billings - "Safe & Sacred"). Take advantage of this opportunity to form a relationship with your young people and build enthusiasm for your local faith formation/youth ministry program!

We thank you for your service and witness to young people. More than "chaperones", our Church needs adult disciples of Jesus Christ to accompany, teach, and mentor young people in their faith journeys. Please pray for us and our diocesan youth leadership boards who will be planning this event, especially that it might inspire these young people to draw closer to Jesus and the Catholic Church. You may contact either of us with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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Youth Ministers, Chaperones, & Adult Volunteers

Junior High Rally happens because of your commitment to accompany youth in their walk with the Lord. Thank you.

Dress Code & Behavior:

Communicate clearly to youth, parents, and adult chaperones your expectations for dress and behavior. Youth and adults are urged to dress casually and to wear comfortable, appropriate clothing for a very active day! All participants must wear their designated nametag.

Diocesan staff will assist in whatever way we can, but the primary responsibility lays with the youth minister/adult chaperones at all times! If problems arise that cannot be satisfactorily resolved, Diocesan staff reserves the right to send participants home early at the expense of the individual involved.

If a situation arises that requires adult supervision of any young person, take charge of anything in the area deemed needful.

Remember that we all represent the Church. Please present a positive image by your actions and words. Rally is a tobacco and drug free event (for everyone). Chaperones are expected to refrain from all alcohol, tobacco and/or drug use.

Pay close attention to the needs and behavior of those entrusted to your care. During any "free" time, you are expected to know the whereabouts of your youth!

We expect that you yourself not go anywhere that you could or would not take your youth with you. You are a role model for these youth.

We strongly suggest that you give emergency contact info for each of your youth to all of your adult chaperones.

Registration:

Participants must register BEFORE the event through their local parish/school. There will be no on-site registration.

Gather the completed registration form (see attached) and fee from each participant - both youth and adult chaperones. Then, the designated adult from the parish or school must submit the registration online at diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally.

Do not send paper forms to Diocese.

Payment:

The cost of attendance for both youth and adult chaperones is \$55. (This includes lunch, dinner & tshirt.) You may submit payment online with a card when you register, or send a check by mail (instructions available online). Or, you may bring a check/cash with you to check-in (you still need to register online ahead of time!).

Food:

Lunch, dinner and snacks are included in the cost of the event.



High School Leadership Boards:

You do NOT need to pay to attend Rally, but you must register in advance and have a chaperone.

We will meet on Friday evening to setup. Contact Kevin or Jessica for details.

Housing:

If a group requires housing, they are responsible for making their own arrangements.

Safe Environment:

Youth-to-Chaperone Ratio is 10:1.

All adults (18+) must meet the safe environment requirements of their respective diocese.

Each diocese will confirm compliance of their respective adult chaperones.

Transportation:

Youth should not drive themselves or other youth to any OYYAM event. All participants are discouraged from using their vehicles during the weekend other than for immediate, Rally-related transportation. Groups using commercial transportation or drivers who will not stay through the day should make plans for transportation in an emergency.

It is the responsibility of participant groups to secure the necessary permissions and addressing related liability concerns.

ALL SOULS DAY

CATHOLIC CUSTOMS, TEACHINGS, AND TRADITIONS

ORIGIN

The Church since its earliest days had a practice of praying for the souls of the departed in the Mass.

Some monasteries began a special day of prayer for the dead in the 6th century, with November 2 becoming a fixed day of celebration in many places by the 10th century



A Holy Soul ("Holy" emphasizing the state of justice in which they died) is someone who is now in Purgatory. They are also referred to as Poor Souls, which points to their need for our prayers during their purification.

The Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves. We should never assume a person went immediately to God. Hence, we should pray for the dead.

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers." (CCC 962)



WHY SHOULD WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (CCC 1030-1031)



HOW TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

We can pray for the dead at any time of year. We can have Masses said, include them in our daily prayer intentions, or when visit a cemetery.

One relatively recent tradition is the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Given to St. Faustina by Our Lord in the 1930's Jesus wanted to share with the entire world that God's mercy is greater than our sins and encourage us to put our entire trust in God.

In a vision, St. Faustina described, "I asked [the Poor Souls] what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God."



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades.

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2 Optional Opening Prayers
- 3 Our Father
- 4 Hail Mary
- 5 Apostles' Creed
- 6 Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearest Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



7. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. Repeat: "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead, followed by 10 "For the sake..." prayers on the "Hail Mary" beads.
9. Conclude with: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world" (Repeat 3x)

CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." -Pope St. John XXIII

"Souling": Various cultures in Europe developed a tradition of baking "soul cakes" in honor of the faithful departed. Baked on All Hallows' Eve, children would go begging door-to-door for the cakes in exchange for praying for deceased relatives and friends.

"Ofrenda": Throughout Latin America, especially Mexican culture, families will create an altar in their home to honor, remember, and pray for their departed loved ones. These ofrendas are vibrantly decorated in 3 tiers. The top level (Heaven) is decorated with symbols of faith. The mid-level (Earth) is filled with loved one's photos, favorite foods, drinks or other objects. The lower level (Death) has things that remind us of the shortness of life, like skulls, skeletons, paper flags, and more.



Junior High Rally - Financial Aid Application

Applications must be submitted online at diocesehelenahelena.org/juniorhighrally

Funds are dispersed based on need. Scholarships will provide up to 50% of the cost of the event, which is \$30; Participants receiving the full amount will be responsible for remaining \$25. We encourage the local parish to also assist financially towards the cost.

APPLICANT (YOUTH) INFORMATION			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Grade:	Which Diocese are you from? (Circle one):	Diocese of Great Falls-Billings	Diocese of Helena
City/Town:		Parish/School Name:	
Parent/Guardian Name:		Parent/Guardian Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Email:			

ADDITIONAL SIBLING(S) WITH SAME PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUESTING AID:	
2. First Name:	2. Last Name:
2. Grade:	

3. First Name	3. Last Name
3. Grade	

FINANCIAL NEED DECLARATION (THIS IS A NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP.)	
I declare that the cost of this event would be a financial burden to my family? (circle one)	I Agree ----- I Disagree
Would you be able to participate in this event if you do not receive any financial aid? (The maximum award is 50% of the registration fee)	Yes ----- No ----- Maybe
On a scale of 1-10, how likely are you to participate in this event if you DO NOT receive any FYBY scholarship funds? (1=Not Likely; 10=Very Likely)	

Participation in a local faith community (e.g. parish or Catholic school) is incredibly important in the faith formation of a young person. We encourage the local parish or school to also assist financially towards the cost. By submitting this application, you give your consent for our staff to contact the parish/school contact below regarding this application. You are also encouraged to contact them about additional financial aid that they may be able to provide to help you cover the cost of participating in Junior High Rally.

PARISH OR SCHOOL CONTACT (YOUTH MINISTER, PASTOR, PRINCIPAL OR OTHER RELEVANT ADULT)	
First Name:	Last Name:
Title/Role:	Phone:
Email:	

Youth Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

2024 Junior High Rally

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT, MEDICAL CONSENT, & MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENTS

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission for me/my child (Participant) to participate in the 2024 Junior High Rally (Rally) scheduled for Saturday, November 2, at the University of Providence in Great Falls, MT, which may require transportation away from my home church. As a legal adult myself or the parent/legal guardian of Participant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by Participant. I agree on behalf of myself/my child, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend my parish/school; the Roman Catholic Bishops of Helena and Great Falls-Billings (Bishops); the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings (Dioceses); the University of Providence; adult chaperones, and representatives associated with Rally, arising from or in connection with me/my child attending Rally or in connection with any illness, injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its directors and agents, and the Dioceses, chaperones or its representatives for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, I/my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of me/my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport me/my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital/doctor.

I/my child agrees to abide by all rules attached to Rally. Specific behaviors that are not permitted include, but are not limited to: fighting, obscene language, offensive or revealing clothing, and the use/possession of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons. I also understand that if Participant violates any of the rules, Participant may be required to leave the activity at his/her own expense.

Event directors have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate, to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of Rally and/or dismissal from the event.

By signing this form I understand that a picture of myself/my child and/or work or projects created by myself/my child (e.g. still pictures, audio/video recording, etc.) may be published in print or online by my parish, school, Dioceses, The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, University of Providence, or their agents to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church. I also grant Dioceses permission to share the information on this registration form with these or other entities to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church.

Participant (Youth/Adult) Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ADULT DIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT (Required of all adult participants - 18 years of age or older):

I hereby attest that I have read or been informed of and agree to comply with the provisions of my diocesan safe environment policies, including submitting to a background check.

Adult Participant Signature

Date

For which diocese are you working, volunteering or representing at this event? (select one)

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

Diocese of Helena

JUNIOR HIGH RALLY 2024



November 2, 2024 - University of Providence (Great Falls)
Cost: \$55 (Financial aid available! See the website for details *before* you register.)

More information and online registration at diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

First Name:		Last Name:	
(First) Name on Name Badge:	Status (Circle one):	Grade 6 H.S. Board Youth	Grade 7 Adult Chaperone
		Grade 8 Priest/Religious	
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Sex (Circle One):	Female	Male	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):
		Parish Name:	
Emergency Contact Name:		Emergency Contact Phone:	
Emergency Contact Email:		Emergency Contact Relationship (e.g. "Mom"):	
Adult Chaperone Name (for those in grades 6-12, including CYC Board):		Adult Chaperone Email:	

Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions

Please describe any conditions that need special accommodation or should be known in case of emergency.