



John the Baptist in Prison
Josef Anton Hafner (1709–1756)

Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice, for the Lord is Near

In the heart of Advent’s penitential stillness, the Church suddenly bids us rejoice. On the Third Sunday of Advent — *Gaudete* Sunday — Holy Mother Church interrupts the season’s somber purple with a flash of rose, a sign of joyful expectation. The name comes from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon drawn from St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians: *Gaudete in Domino semper* — “Rejoice in the Lord always!” (Phil 4:4).

This Sunday stands like a bright torch in the night, announcing that the coming of the Savior is close at hand. Advent is shorter now than it is long; the light increases, and the shadow recedes. The rose vestments are not a mere custom — they proclaim that God Himself draws near to His people.

A Tradition Rooted in the Ancient Church

From the earliest centuries, Christians observed Advent with a spirit of penitence, preparation, and holy longing — similar in tone to Lent. The Church, like a wise mother, knew that the human heart needs both fasting and feasting, both silence and song.

By the 4th century, the faithful practiced a forty-day preparation for Christmas in various regions of the Church. As with Lent, the rigors of Advent included increased prayer, penance, and acts of mercy.

But on the Third Sunday, the Church offered a “breathing of the soul,” a sacred reprieve to remind the faithful that penance is never the final word — **joy is**. Pope St. Gregory the Great ensured that this theme of rejoicing was embedded in the Roman liturgy, and it has remained ever since.

Why Rose Vestments?

The rose color is not a mere liturgical flourish. It is a symbol of the dawn — that moment when the deep blue of night gives way to the rising sun. Christ, the Sun of Justice, is about to break into the world. Rose signals anticipatory joy, not yet full Christmas glory, but a joy that pierces the purple of penance.

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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

14 December 2025

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week’s office hours:

Wednesday & Friday 9 am—12 pm | Tuesday & Thursday 2 - 5 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Tuesday at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thursday at 8:00 am

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00 am

No Mass this Friday

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.

GAUDETE SUNDAY † DECEMBER 14

Breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus after the 11:00 Mass.

The winner to the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest will be announced!



Sacred Heart Parish Breakfast

December 21 after 9:00 Mass

All are welcome!



Immaculate Conception Christmas Decorating

Please stay after Mass on December 21 to help transform our sanctuary from Advent to Christmas. All help will be greatly appreciated. Call Sheila LeBrun with questions.

406-208-5788



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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The Meaning for the Christian Soul

Gaudete Sunday confronts us with a truth that the modern world forgets: Joy is not a feeling — it is the fruit of the virtue of Charity. It blossoms in the heart purified by repentance. The world promises empty cheer; the Church proclaims a joy rooted in the Incarnation itself.

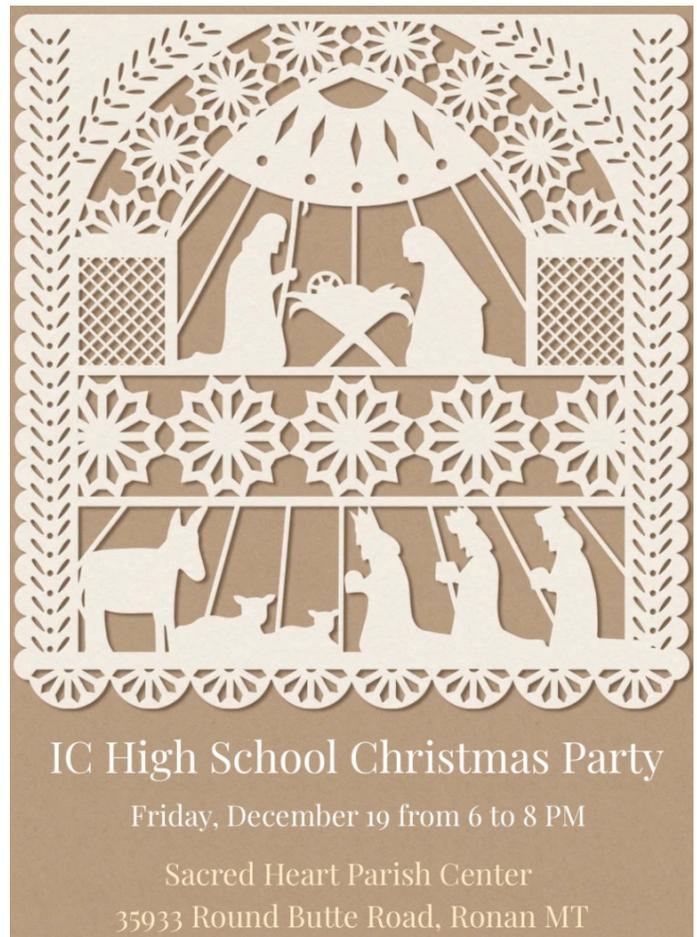
We rejoice not because life is easy, nor because the world is peaceful, but because Christ is coming, and His coming changes everything.

On this Sunday, the Church urges us to lift up our heads, straighten our backs, and remember that salvation is near. The penance of Advent is not meant to weigh us down but to sharpen our longing for the One who alone satisfies the human heart.

“The Lord is Near”

The antiphons, readings, and prayers of this day remind us: the long-awaited Messiah stands at the very door. St. John the Baptist’s cry echoes through the season — prepare the way of the Lord — but today that cry is bathed in joy. The desert begins to bloom. The prisoner hears a word of hope. The weary heart begins to rise again.

In a world drowning in noise, despair, and forgetfulness of God, *Gaudete* Sunday calls us back to the deepest truth of Advent: **Christ has come, Christ comes now in grace, and Christ will come again in glory.** And for this, the Church dares to command us — not suggest, not invite — but *command*: **Rejoice!**



PRAYER CORNER

Humbly asking for your prayers...

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Carolyn Fyant, Diana Cote, Shawna Lehner, Bill Efinger.



Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person’s privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

The Holy Father’s prayer intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, December 14th *Third Sunday of Advent*
Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 13th *Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent*
Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes

Sunday, December 14th *Third Sunday of Advent*
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, December 16th
Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed in Our Parish

Wednesday, December 17th
For the Tschida Family

Thursday, December 18th
Intentions of Bishop Vetter

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Ryan Frampton, Liam Aippersbach, Mason Yochum.

**Friday, December 19th,
starting at 5:00 pm**

Polson Community Dinner

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Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Collect:

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Readings:

First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: Jas 5:7-10

Alleluia: Is 61:1 (cf. Lk 4:18)

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom. (CCC 523)

**"JOY IS PRAYER
JOY IS STRENGTH
JOY IS LOVE."**

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

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Find donation bins at the churches' entrances.



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down this
holiday
season?**



- ❖ If you or a loved one are struggling this holiday and Christmas season, make sure to take care of yourself and make the season as joyful as it should be!
- ❖ Getting started is quick easy, just call or message us at [\(406\)442-4130x2](tel:4064424130x2) or www.cssmt.org/contact.
- ❖ Talking to a Catholic, caring, and non-judgmental counselor is 100% confidential and remember, if you are enrolled in a health plan through the Diocese of Helena, your employee assistance program (EAP) benefits should cover 3 sessions at no cost to you.

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Call **406-442-4130** or visit www.cssmt.org/mental-health/ to get started today!



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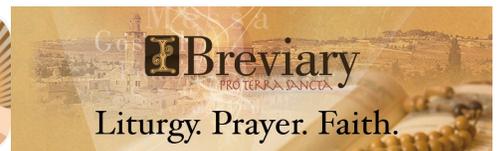


ACA 2025 PARISH PROGRESS

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Goal: \$29,700 Committed: \$15,287	Goal: \$9,100 Committed: \$5,190

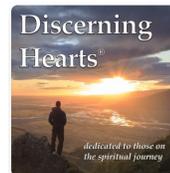


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\$85,695 of \$183,150 (47%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$19,934 of \$48,393 (41%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:
\$1,350 of \$12,000 (11%)
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\$1,920 of \$1,349 (142%)



Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart, Ronan - Immaculate Conception, Polson - St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24th

Immaculate Conception at 5:00 pm

Children's program will be performed one-half hour before Mass begins

Sacred Heart at 7:00 pm

Christmas Carols will be sung one-half hour before Mass begins

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25th

Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am

Christmas Carols will be sung one-half hour before Mass begins

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 27th

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 28th

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday, January 1st - Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass, Saturday, January 3rd

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 4th

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

INTRODUCTION FROM BISHOP VETTER

Greetings to you! In the past days and months, I have heard from many of you from across the Diocese of Helena questions regarding immigration and the stance of the Church. I am happy to share with you our Special Pastoral Message on Immigration by the Bishops of the United States in unity with one another and with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, issued on November 12, 2025, at our Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore. I stand behind this message 100%.

In Christ, I am



Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena



STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION

From the Plenary Assembly in Baltimore - November 12, 2025



As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:27*). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah 7:10*). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians 8:9*), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke 10:30-37*), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew 25*). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John 13:34*).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26*). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

ADVENT REFLECTION

Part Three: “The Dawn From on High Shall Break Upon Us” *Living Advent Hope in a World That Has Forgotten How to Wait*

There is a curious tension woven into the season of Advent: it is a time filled with light, yet it begins in darkness. The Church does this deliberately. Human hearts do not awaken in the noonday sun; they awaken slowly, as the first hints of dawn begin to break through the horizon. This is why Advent is the Church’s season of holy dawn, the moment when heaven’s first light begins to touch the edges of our darkness. And if the first part of Advent teaches us to long for the Messiah, and the second part teaches us to repent and reorder our lives for Him, then the third part teaches us something equally essential: to live in hope, to recognize and welcome the light that is already breaking in our midst.

Hope is not optimism. Optimism is the flimsy belief that things will somehow “work out,” while hope is the theological conviction that God Himself is already acting, even when we cannot yet see the fullness of His work. As Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, hope is the virtue that “draws the future into the present,” allowing us to live even now the life that God promises. Advent hope is the certainty that Christ is not merely coming later—He is already at work now.

St. Teresa of Avila says that “patience gains all things,” and she ties patience directly to hope. The soul that hopes is the soul that can wait without anxiety, because it knows the One for whom it waits. St. Catherine of Siena speaks the same language when she calls Christ the “gentle First Light” that grows gradually within the soul, pushing back confusion and fear. Advent hope is not passive; it shapes our daily life. It changes the way we speak to one another, the way we endure suffering, the way we carry our responsibilities. It steadies the soul. It makes us fearless.

But hope requires something that modern life has nearly extinguished: the capacity to see signs. Advent is filled with signs — candles, prophecies, annunciations, dreams, angels, barren women conceiving, shepherds hearing hymns in the night. God communicates through signs so that our faith may learn to recognize His voice long before the full revelation comes. St. Francis de Sales beautifully assures us that “God’s inspirations are gentle touches,” not earthquakes. To follow Christ, we must learn to recognize His gentle movements.

This is why Advent directs our attention to figures like the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, Elizabeth, Simeon, and Anna. Each of them perceives what others do not. Mary “ponders” and waits; Joseph “rises” quickly at God’s whisper; St. John the Baptist “leaps” at the presence of the Child; Elizabeth is “filled” with the Holy Spirit; Simeon “recognizes” the promise; Anna “proclaims” what she sees with interior eyes. They form a school of discipleship for us: the life of hope is a life of attentiveness.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, in his meditations for Advent, urges the faithful to keep their eyes fixed on the humble circumstances of Christ’s coming — not merely to feel emotion, but to understand this deep truth: God always comes in littleness first. This is Advent’s final lesson. Before the glory of Bethlehem night, before the light of the star, before the praise of angels, there is a hidden Child growing in silence. God’s work is always conceived before it is revealed. And so is holiness.

Christ’s birth is not merely an event far behind us; it is a mystery ever unfolding in the hearts of believers. As Pope Francis insists, “Christmas is not just a beautiful story; it is a moment in which God enters into our concrete lives.” This means that every act of charity, every choice for patience over irritation, every effort to turn from sin and choose the light — each becomes a manger where Christ may rest.

Advent culminates in this proclamation: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” This is not poetry; this is revelation. Light has entered the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Advent prepares us not merely to commemorate Christ’s first coming, nor only to expect His glorious return, but to see and receive His coming now, in the present moment.

This is the maturity of Christian hope: to live with such awareness that no moment is empty, no day is wasted, and no darkness is final. The dawn from on high has already begun to break upon us.

SCRIPTURE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Luke 1:76–79

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High...
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Romans 5:1–5

“We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God...
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Isaiah 60:1–2

“Arise, shine; for your light has come!
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth...
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.”

Questions for Reflection:

Where do I see the “first light of Christ” in my own life right now?
What small signs of grace might I be overlooking?

What obstacles keep me from living with hope rather than worry?
What fears dominate my decisions?

Which Advent figures speak most to my heart — Mary, Joseph, John, Simeon, Anna, Elizabeth — and why?
What do they teach me about waiting for the Lord?

Do the people around me experience me as a source of light or of heaviness?
What would need to change for Christ to shine more freely through me?

How might I practice attentiveness this week?
What habits blind me to God’s presence?

A Challenge for the Coming Week:

“Practice Holy Attention”

This week, commit to noticing.
Choose one moment each day to pause for two minutes and ask:

“Lord, where did Your light show up today?”

Record even the smallest signs: a kindness shown, a temptation resisted, a moment of unexpected encouragement, a quiet sense of peace.

By the end of the week, you will begin to see what Advent teaches:
Christ is nearer than we think and already at work in hidden ways.



News from the Hilltop

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR BISHOP AND CO-PRESIDENT

Greetings to you! I have the joy of serving not only as your Bishop but also as Interim Co-President of Carroll College. I want to personally invite you to explore Carroll — discover our community, see what we have to offer, and prayerfully consider whether this could be the right place for you. There are numerous scholarship opportunities available to help make your college education more accessible and affordable. As you are looking for colleges, keep Carroll in mind! Know of my continued prayers for you, and please keep me in yours.

In Christ, I am

Bishop Austin Vetter



Bishop Austin Vetter

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND CYC CONVENTION

Carroll College is excited to welcome you to campus for the Eucharistic Congress and CYC Convention March 20-22, 2026! We will be offering campus tours during the event if you would like to learn more about Carroll.

FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE VISIT DAY: CATHOLIC VISIT DAY

Join us on Friday March 20, 2026, for our visit day specifically offered for students wanting to learn more about the Catholic mission and faith community on campus. You can also schedule an individual visit on our website at carroll.edu/visit.

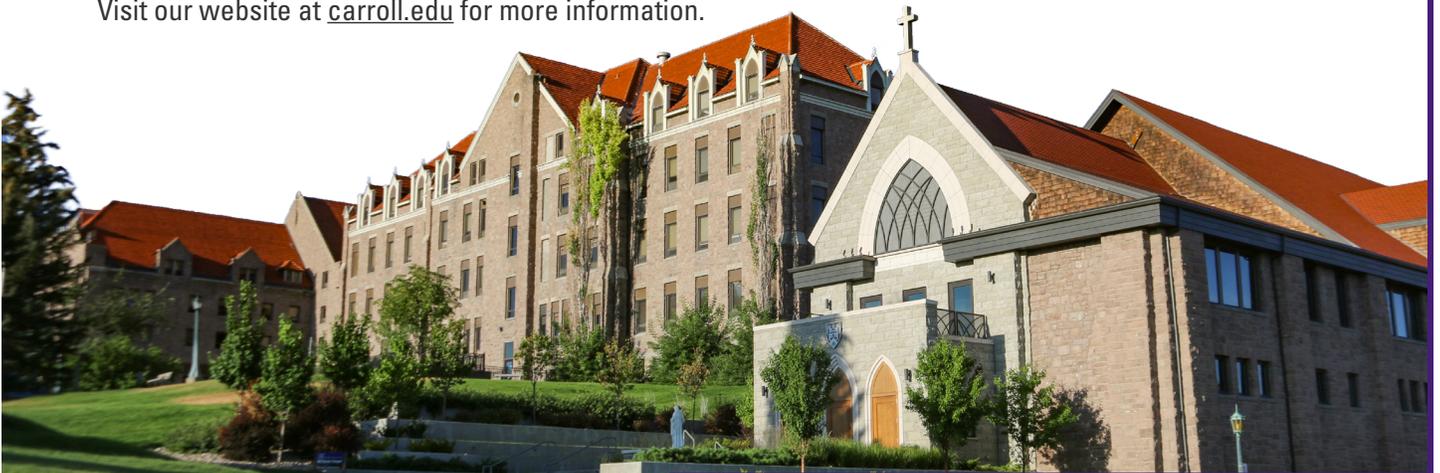
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Carroll College is pleased to offer a Parish Scholarship to a prospective student from your parish. This \$1,000 scholarship for 2026-2027 is funded by Carroll but your parish chooses the recipient. Your parish is asked to submit a letter or letters of recommendation by April 15. For questions, email fao@carroll.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES

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 more information, email fao@carroll.edu.

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Catholic Room Grant

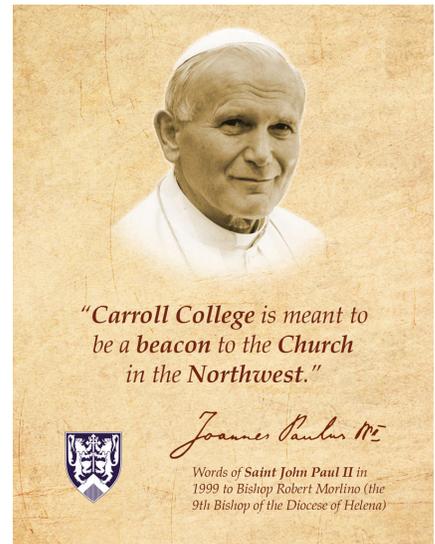
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As an eligible graduate of a Catholic high school, you can receive up to 50% off the cost of a double room rate (Guadalupe, Borromeo, or St. Charles Hall), which is on top of your already generous financial aid package.

- This four-year award is available for first-time freshmen only.
- Full-time enrollment.
- Only Guadalupe Hall, St. Charles Hall and Borromeo Hall qualify. Students who choose to live in other residence halls (example: Trinity, Apartments) forego the opportunity to receive this award.
- 50% off the cost of a double room occupancy (if a student chooses a single room in Guadalupe, St. Charles, or Borromeo they will pay the difference); one room grant per student.
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- Submit FAFSA by March 1 and receive an SAI below our cost of attendance.
- A transcript from an approved Catholic High School (part of a completed application); home school students do not qualify.
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- Remain in good academic standing at the College (2.00 cumulative GPA/SAP).
- Students will be notified of their grant award in their initial or revised aid offer.



An eligible graduate of a Catholic school is understood as one which is recognized by a competent ecclesiastical authority, keeping with the definition of a Catholic school in the Code of Canon Law (Can. 803 §1).

APPLY

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