

# Stewardship

8-13-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,960.00
Loose	\$140.00
Reimbursement	\$1,091.08
Pews	\$237.00
Holy Day	\$60.00
Total	\$3,488.08

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-July

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$339.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$275.23

Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	

## Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income	
Cemetery Expenses-July	
NorthWestern Energy	\$30.28

Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

*THANK YOU!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"When we ingest the Eucharist in reality we are ingesting the Godhead .....because His Body and Blood are diffused through our members we become partakers of the divine nature."

- St. Cyril of Alexandria

### Pray for our Seminarians

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.

Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, and Matt Keck

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### Prayer Chain

Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain:



Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, LaReissa Swenson

## Did You Know!

The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all people.

**Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:**

#### Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

#### Social Hall:

Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events.

**Please call the office for information for any of the above notices: 406-266-4811.**



# Holy Cross Parish

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a

Adoration: Monday 9:30a

### Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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## Basics of Catholicism part 4

The last few proofs for the existence of God are rather philosophical. Many people find them either helpful as they let their minds ponder deeper truths or off-putting as they distance ourselves from reality. The next two proofs for the existence of God are much more approachable.

### God as creator

Imagine you are walking along the beach and find a watch. This object, the watch, is unlike anything else on the beach. You assume that someone must have made it since it is unlike anything else on the beach. This argument is called the argument for God as creator. Since the universe doesn't come into existence on its own but needs something or someone to create it, God must be the creator. The most common expression of this proof for God's existence is nature. Especially in Montana, anyone would struggle to look at the beauty of our state, the world, the entire universe and not be in awe of its greatness. Similarly, few people would look at creation and think "It's amazing that all this came from randomness." Clearly nature has a structure and order to it implying that someone must have created the order and therefore created all of the universe and everything.

### Intelligent Design

Following from the proof of God as Creator, is an argument that became more common in the last 50 years: God is intelligent designer. As a way to reconcile religious belief with scientific conclusions, people adopted the idea that God is the intelligence that created the universe. Although these two arguments seem similar, they are not. Whereas God as Creator causes us to look upon creation with wonder and awe at its beauty, God as intelligent designer wonders at the incredible simplicity and order that underlies the universe. Each planet and star obeys specific laws with such immense precision that we can predict their movements hundreds of years into the future. The laws of chemistry with the interaction between atoms, physics with its relation to the forces on objects, and biology with its process for life all obey sets of laws that remain constant across time and space. This ordering of the universe implies an intelligent being who can give order to the universe, choose its laws, and maintain those laws. Hence, we have an intelligent being, God, who created the universe.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8-27-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 22:19-23  
Psalm: 138:1-2a,2bc-3,6 and 8bc  
Reading 2: Romans 11:133-36  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

MASS	Schedule
Monday August 21	Mass 9a First Responders Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday August 22	Mass 9a Youth
Wednesday August 23	NO MASS
Thursday August 24	NO MASS
Friday August 25	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday August 26	NO MASS
Sunday August 27	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Annual Parish Picnic after mass



All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to

office@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a

TWO weeks in advance

### Ministry Schedule

Sunday August 27, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Keith and Robin Kirscher

Lector:

Gay Ann Masolo

Gifts:

Dan and Bernadette Swenson

EM:

Alex Estrada and Missy Cox

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert



## Registration Information

Please return your parishioner information forms. We would like to update our system and create a new parish directory this fall.



It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. If you would like to renew your subscription or sign up for a new one please contact the parish office. The price for a one year subscription is \$39.00 for regular print and \$59 for large print. Please pay when you sign up.

There is a lost and found table in the narthex. Please collect your belongings. Anything not claimed this week.

Your stuff misses YOU too.



In the parish dining area are a series of posters that explain various Eucharistic Miracles. They are on loan to us for the next month. I encourage everyone to go downstairs and explore these posters about Eucharistic Miracles.



## Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



*Sundays*  
**4:10pm**

Aug. 6 - Joyful Mysteries

Aug. 13 - Luminous Mysteries

Aug. 20 - Sorrowful Mysteries

Aug. 27 - Glorious Mysteries



The new RE year will formally begin on Sunday, September 10th with all ages meeting after Mass on Sunday. Dinner for everyone from 5:30-6p and then programming from 6-7:15p. Parents are encouraged to stay for a program similar to the high school program.

We are looking for a few more people who may be interested in helping teach as well as anyone interested in filling in from time to time when needed.



# Catholicism 101

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism? Would you like to know your faith a little better? Then, this series is for you!

Mondays 7-8:30

Starting Monday September 11th

Schedule of the topics on the bench in the entryway.

A livestream option for Catholicism 101 will be available on Mondays from 7-8:30 and on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

## PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website ([holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)).

We could use someone to help with the livestream. If you are interested please contact Fr. Cody



## Have A Seat!

Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have already raised \$44,769 of it through donations that came after the grant was submitted. We received a generous donation of \$30,000 before

the grant was submitted. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000. I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant. If each household donates \$500 by Dec. 31 to the pews, then the project is set to be completed next summer. Know that I am pledging my \$500 to this project. Thank you for your generosity.



*Not to us, Lord, not to us  
but to your name give glory  
because of your  
mercy and faithfulness*

*Psalm 115:1*



FOUNDATION  
for the Diocese of Helena

has awarded

**\$103,379**

TO PARISHES AND MINISTRIES

within our Diocese

through our

2024 **Faith in Action**  
Grants Program