

A Food For The Poor Clergy Speaker Will Be Visiting Your Church

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www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances

Father Alfred Lopez, from Food for the Poor, will be visiting our parish on June 14, 2026

4TH OF JULY IN TOWNSEND, MT

Do you love to sing traditional patriotic songs about the good of US of A?

Join us for a *Community Choir/Sing Along* on July 4th at Heritage Park (directly after the parade)

Practices will be held at The Lodge—131 S Spruce St— on Monday June 15th & June 22nd at 6:30 PM with Director Carla Amundson

Children love to sing these songs as well! *Bring the family!*

To sign up, please visit BCTMT.com

Broadwater Community Theater

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We will start an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series soon. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact Fr. Cody.



No Mass or Adoration on Monday June 8th, Tuesday June 9th, Monday June 15th, Tuesday June 16th or Tuesday June 30th

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Holy Cross will be helping out during the month of June. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, there are sign up sheets available on the table in the Narthex or you can contact Paul VanHoudt. Donation needs for this month are cans of coffee.

The Townsend Rotary Club will be matching funds of any monetary donations to the Food Pantry made until Father's Day (June 21st). Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

Broadwater Food Pantry

PO Box 1164

Townsend, MT 59644

Thank you for your generosity!



10th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Join us as we celebrate Father Cody's

10TH ANNIVERSARY AND GOING AWAY PARTY

JUNE 28, 2026
5:30pm

After Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Center
Please bring a dish to share!

All bulletin information and mass announcements requests need to be submitted by email to bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a



Holy Cross Parish

Feast of the Most Holy Bood and Blood of Christ

June 7, 2026

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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Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace.

May we never take the gift of your presence for granted.

Amen.



HABEMUS PAPAM

Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 51% of our parish goal, with \$10,700 to go!

Basics of Catholicism part 138

The Rite of the Anointing of the Sick

The conclusion of the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick is rather simple. Following the most important parts of the rite – the Laying on of Hands and the anointing with oil – the rite focuses on asking for blessings for the person. After a brief period of silence, the priest then prays over the person. The form of the prayer differs between a general anointing of the sick and Last Rites, which I will cover soon. The more general form of the prayer prays for healing of mind, body, and soul. This prayer emphasizes a point that I have made several times throughout this series: the point of the anointing of the sick is to bring the person back to full health. The second form of the prayer is found only in the form of Last Rites. The prayer focuses on several key elements that emphasize the value of this Sacrament. One of the most prominent emphases is that person is sharing in the Passion of Jesus. We often don't think of illnesses in this way. But, through our pain and suffering, we are sharing in the Passion of Jesus and encouraged towards deeper hope in the Resurrection. Hence, the Church invites the person to realize this truth and live it out in their sufferings. The second emphasis is on the true healing that comes in the life to come. We all know that we are going to die. This part of the rite reminds us that our fullest form of healing is not in this life, neither should we hope for it to be in this life, but in the life to come.

Following the prayer, the priest invites all present to pray the Our Father. This part of the rite was added with the new translation of 2026. Think about the power of this prayer. As someone who has been at the bedside of many people who have died, the Our Father is one of the last prayers they remember and can recite even if their mind is gone. This is a testimony to our faith. These standard prayers stick with us even at the last moments of life and the Church uses this moment to connect the person who is sick or dying to us and to the life to come.

The rite ends with a solemn blessing. This blessing prayer is a special way for the Holy Trinity to come upon the person and bring them healing. The first three invoke the three persons of the Trinity and the last two invoke God to heal the person. Thus the rite ends with the person being blessed.

Why a priest? I decided to throw this question at the end of this section to make a point. Some argue that a deacon or even a lay person should be able to administer the anointing of the sick. As for praying for the person and offering a blessing, a deacon could do that. The ritual book even has prayers that the laity can say for a sick person or someone who is dying or has died. But the anointing of the sick is far more than just a set of prayers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings forgiveness of sins, the prayers of the Church, the blessings of God, and the authority of the priesthood to aid the person on their journey to health or heaven. These elements are deeply connected with the priesthood and therefore only a priest can celebrate the Anointing of the Sick.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
06-14-2025

Reading 1: Exodus 19:2-6
Psalm: 100:1-2, 3, 5
Reading 2: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending May 31st	
Envelopes	\$945.00
Loose	\$414.05
Online	\$345.68
Total Weekly Contribution	\$1,704.73
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1,772.70
Week 2	\$3,131.04
Week 3	\$2,006.69
Week 4	\$2,067.53
Week 5	\$1,704.73
Total Monthly Contribution	\$10,682.69
Total Year to Date	\$155,360.49
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

Mass	Schedule
Monday June 8	No daily Mass or Adoration Funeral Mass for Margaret Erickson 11:00a
Tuesday June 9	No Mass
Wednesday June 10	
Thursday June 11	
Friday June 12	
Saturday June 13	
Sunday June 14	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS @ 4PM
JUNE 7 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
JUNE 14 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
JUNE 21 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
JUNE 28 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



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.
Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum
Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

On Friday, June 12th, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are encouraged to pray a novena in preparation for this historic event. More information on this event can be found at <https://diocesehelen.org/sacredheart>.

Prayer Chain
Unless otherwise requested, after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain
John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Arnold Woodring, Repose of the soul of Judy Slifka, Nora Bazuin, Repose of the soul of Margaret Erickson

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
"For He is in the midst of us day and night [in the Blessed Sacrament]; He dwells in us with the fullness of grace and truth. He raises the level of morals, fosters virtue, comforts the sorrowful, strengthens the weak and stirs up all those who draw near to Him to imitate Him, so that they may learn from his example to be meek and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interests but those of God."
- Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*, Art. 67

Ministry Schedule
Sunday June 14, 2026 4:30pm
Greet: Larry and Buffy Woodring
Altar Servers: Alex Weiss, Brendon Estrada, and Taylor Bleile
Lector: Karen Simonich
Gifts: Tom and Julie Lethert
EM: Shawna Wickens and Tacy Swanton
Money Counters: Karee Reiman and Kristi Gersch