



Holy Cross Parish

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

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 84

Satisfaction

The second part of satisfaction is the feeling of being forgiven. I spent the last session focusing on the penance, the first part of satisfaction. Now I want to spend this session focusing on the second part. What do we mean by the feeling of being forgiven? A common experience in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and apt analogy, is that our experience of this Sacrament is compared to washing our laundry or cleaning our car. Every so often, we take time to wash all our dirty clothes and, once they are clean, we are ready for life again. Therefore, the Sacrament of Reconciliation becomes a dumping ground for all our sins and, once they are confessed, we are ready to start life anew. Notice several issues with this experience of the Sacrament. First, this expression of the Sacrament has no relation to God. We are not concerned about our relationship with God neither the process through which he brought us salvation. Second, is there really contrition in the person? If all we do is dump our sins on God and move on, are we really sorry? Are we asking for grace and healing? Do we want to overcome our sins and live in the freedom God wishes to give us? Lastly, what does this say about ourselves? We simply want to be free from sin so that we don't have to feel its effects and the burden of its weight. God or the hope for heaven is of little importance.

Satisfaction brings all of these key elements of the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. First, the Sacrament is about our relationship with God and bringing ourselves before him. This action alone can bring immense healing. We allow ourselves to be vulnerable to God and invite him into our lives. By allowing ourselves this vulnerability, we realize that we have nothing to fear before God. He is a merciful judge. He is the one who loves us. He is the one who seeks our healing and gives us the freedom to come before him with any sin without condemnation. The greatest spiritual challenge that many people feel today is a fear of God condemning them.

The second key element to satisfaction is the feeling of being forgiven. Not everyone has this experience once they leave the confessional. Most people feel it occasionally. Feeling forgiven can be a knowledge of forgiveness. Regardless of the feelings, one of the key elements of this Sacrament is the reality that we have been forgiven. Nothing is more defeating to a confessor than a person who leaves but doesn't feel forgiven. The Sacrament didn't affect this person. Although we may not have a feeling, even knowing that we are forgiven and God has freed us from sin should lead us to thankfulness, joy, peace, and hope. The goal of the Sacrament is to instill in the person the hope of God's mercy, the hope of eternal life, and the hope of not sinning again.

The final aspect of satisfaction is the desire to not sin again. We should leave the confession with the hope that those sins are gone and we will not do them again. God didn't come just so that he could be our washing machine and we feel cleansed. He came that we might overcome sin and its temptations by the power of his grace. Each time a person comes to confession and receives absolution for their sins, the temptation, the allure, the power of sin diminished in that person. Each time they are more likely not to commit that sin again. This too is the feeling of satisfaction. I am freed from that sin and can live anew as God's child with the hope of one day being truly free from sin.

Fr. Cody

QUILTING LADIES
2ND ANNUAL

BABY BASKET DRIVE

COLLECTION
SUNDAYS
APRIL 6-27

The Quilting Ladies are creating Baby Gift Baskets for expecting mothers and new mothers in our community. The gift baskets will be filled with essential baby and mother needs as well as fun items for the babies. Please donate only the items listed below.

NEW ITEMS ONLY.

A collection box marked "Baby Basket Drive" is in the narthex during the month of April. Sunday April 28 is the last Sunday for collecting items for the baskets. We will present the Baby Baskets on Mother's Day.

ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING ARE:
(New items only)

BABY BOTTLES	BABY SPOONS
SIPPY CUPS	BIBS
BABY WIPES	BABY HAND SANITIZER
PETROLEUM JELLY	NAIL CLIPPERS
BABY BOARD BOOKS	SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS
CHILDREN'S BOOK	BABY BODY WASH
BABY BATH TOYS	BABY SHAMPOO
RUBBER DUCK	BABY BATH TOWELS
PACIFIER	THERMOMETER
DIAPER RASH CREAM	TEETHING RINGS
INFANT SOCKS	ONESIES
BAB WASHCLOTHS	BURP CLOTHS
BABY DISH SET	HOODED TOWEL PONCHO
BABY LOTION	FOLDABLE BABY PLAY MAT
BABY BLANKET	NASAL ASPIRATOR
NIGHT LIGHT	SOUND MACHINE



So, how many of you actually read this bulletin? I am thinking of changing the format of bulletin distribution to an email sent through Flocknote. Let us know if you would like this option by sending an email to:

bulletin@holycrossmt.org.

On the third Sunday of each month a blessing table will be set up in the entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring any objects of devotion that you would like blessed and Fr. Cody will bless them after Mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

Blessings

Bishop Vetter has promulgated the indulgences and Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Hope. You can go to the Diocesan website at <https://diocesehelena.org/jubilee2025/> or see the letter on the bulletin board.



CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call

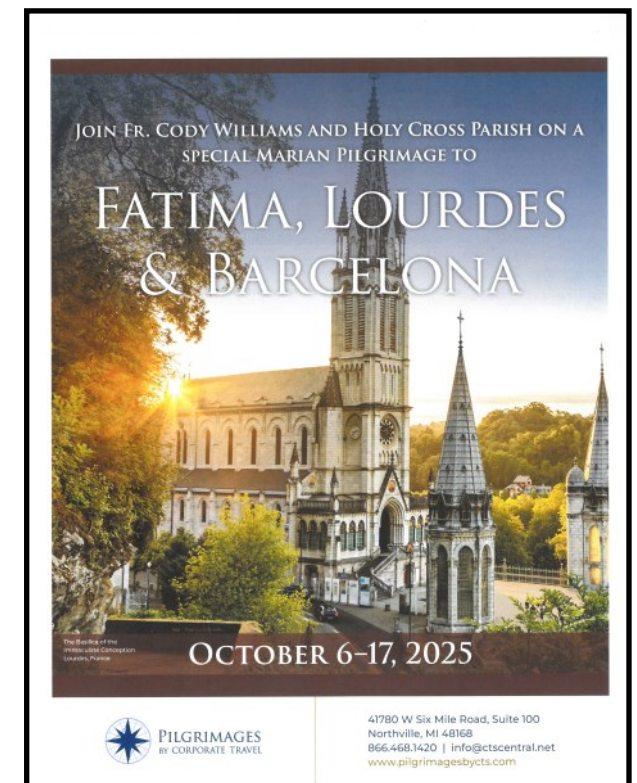
to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit csrcricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

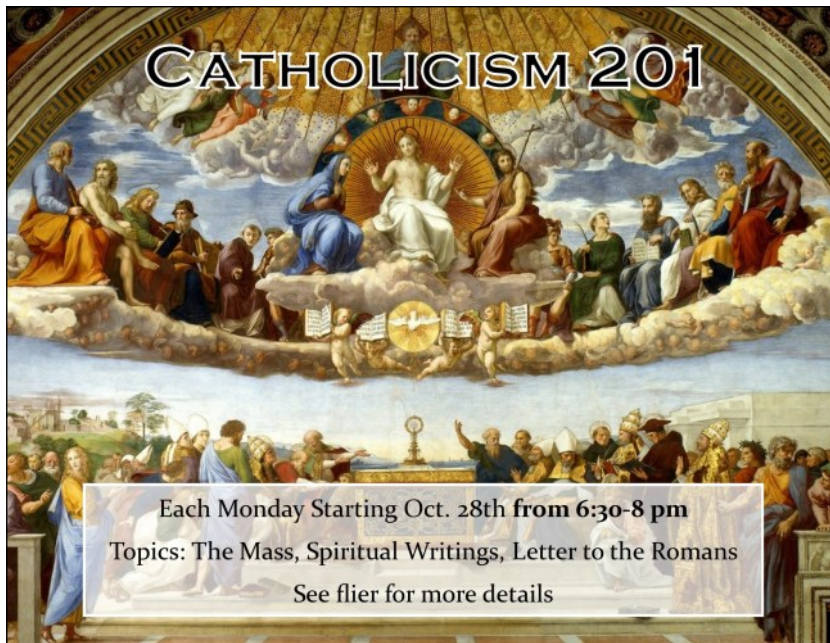
JOIN FR. CODY WILLIAMS AND HOLY CROSS PARISH ON A SPECIAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO

FATIMA, LOURDES & BARCELONA

OCTOBER 6-17, 2025

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Parish potlucks

Every 4th Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

- April 27: No Potluck
- May 25: Memorial Day Weekend—No Potluck
- June 22: Compassion

Scripture Readings



Easter Sunday
 04-20-2025

- Reading 1: Acts 10:34, 37-43
- Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
- Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4
- Gospel: John 20:1-9

MASS	Schedule
Monday April 14	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 201 6:30p
Tuesday April 15	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday April 16	
Thursday April 17	Mass of the Lord's suppe 6:30p
Friday April 18	Stations of the Cross 12:00p Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6:30p
Saturday April 19	Easter Vigil Mass 9:00p
Sunday April 13	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Easter egg hunt after mass on parish lawn

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

- 4/20/25: Easter Sunday – **NO RE**
Easter Egg Hunt after mass on parish lawn
- 4/21/25: Day retreat for confirmation candidates
9:00am - 3:00pm
- 4/27/25: Divine Mercy Sunday – **NO RE**

TRIDUUM

Mass of the Lords Supper: Thurs. 4/17 @ 6:30 pm
 Stations of the Cross: Fri. 4/18 @ 12:00 pm
 Liturgy of Lord's Passion: Fri. 4/18 @ 6:30 pm
 Easter Vigil: Sat. 4/19 @ 9:00 pm
 Easter Sunday: Sun. 4/20 @ 4:30 pm

The **CHOSEN** Movie Night

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 7-8:30 PM
 FREE MOVIE, POPCORN AND SNACKS.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!
 SPONSORED BY: HOLY CROSS CHURCH
 101 S. WALNUT STREET

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to bulletin@holycrossmt.org. Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed. Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a TWO weeks in advance

No Catholicism 201 on Monday, April 28th

The new email address for any information for the bulletin or advertisements is bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Easter Party!!!

Monday, April 28th
 6-7:30 pm
 Festive Food, Easter themed games, trivia...
 Fun for the whole family!
 Come celebrate Easter with us!

Confirmation
 Sunday, May 4th 3:00 pm
 Cathedral of Saint Helena

Holy Cross Youth getting confirmed:

- Alex Bakken
- Anders Bakken
- Janeth Garcia
- Kaden Richtmyer

Ministry Schedule

Sunday April 20, 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	[Redacted]
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	[Redacted]
EM:	[Redacted]
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off several months ago with our parish goal of \$21,900. So far we have raised \$10,650. Please consider donating to this important campaign raising money for the important functions of our Diocese.

WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm
Meet downstairs in one of the classrooms
Coffee, tea & snacks will be offered.

WE'LL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION:

- What are your expectations?
- What do you want from a prayer meeting?
- What are your favorite prayer devotions?
- Do you have any prayer requests?



You are not alone. We invite you to *An Evening for the Separated & Divorced*, a free event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing separation or divorce.

Date: April 22 **Time:** 7 pm EDT **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

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| Presenters: | Topics Include: |
| • Carolyn Klika, Catholic Divorce Healing Coach, Abounding Joy Ministry | ✓ Coping with anger, guilt, shame, loneliness, fear, identity & more |
| • Bob Babecka, Witness to Marriage | ✓ Healing spiritually & emotionally |

REGISTER TODAY

Sign up at: www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events
→ You will receive the Zoom link or access recording afterward

For questions, contact Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com
Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Witness to Marriage & Abounding Joy Ministry



Please considering volunteering to help with this fundraiser for our parish. There are sign ups in the Narthex for all the ways you can help.

Thank you!

Holy Cross Parish Finances

Week ended April 6th

Total Weekly	\$4,299.77
Budget	\$2,900.00
Variance	\$1,399.77

Year to Date

Total	\$99,256.65
Budget	\$110,200.00
Variance	\$10,943.35

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."

- from the writings of St. Augustine, Sermon 3, 2; circa A.D. 410

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.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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,, Brian Roher and family, Isaac Hyde, Bob Masolo, Marj Kohn, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law



Please join us in praying the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 9 - DAYS NOVENA

Begins on Good Friday, April 18, & Concludes on Saturday, April 26
Start each day at 3pm

In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php.



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU



There is a basket located in the Narthex to place non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry!

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.



Pastoral Council:

Jesse Swenson
Mary Ellen Schnur
Karee Eichinger
Michael Fiset
John Bleile

Finance Council:

John Rauser
Tim McAlpine
Tacy Swanton
Pat Miller
Monica Benton



Saturday, April 26 4-7 PM

Ham dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans, relish tray and dessert!

- Cost: \$30.00 for immediate family
- \$15.00 for single adult
- \$10.00 for students
- Under 4 Free

Raffle Tickets \$5 Each or 5 for \$20:

Raffle Prizes: 26" Heyride E-Bike, Airhead Airhead Towable Wake Shocker, Blast Towable Tube, Fiji Float Non-Towable,



River Otter River Tube

Silent Auction,

Gift Certificate Table,

Activity area for children

