



Holy Cross Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

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 60

The Eucharist

How do we experience the Eucharist?

This question is one of the most important and central questions for both understanding and living our faith. Basically every major principle in the Christian faith can be understood and explained through the Eucharist

Reverence for God

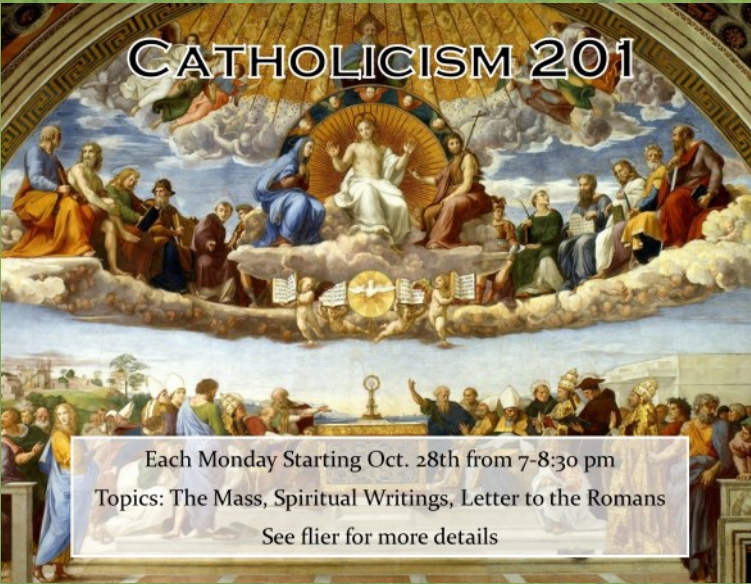
Since we believe that the Eucharist is Jesus’ flesh and blood, the Eucharist should encourage us to grow in our reverence for God. God gave us his flesh and blood to eat and drink, what should our response be? The sense of reverence is quickly eroding from all aspects of our culture and from every age group. Nothing in our world is sacred and separated from the rest of society as special or esteemed. Instead everything has become mundane, normal, and replaceable. Pope Francis has continually called out this “throw away” culture as demeaning and destructive to our faith. The same idea applies to things of faith. We do not think of the church building as different from the courthouse, the grocery store, or a house. We do not think of care for anything that is not our property. We do not hold people in a place of esteem or reverence. We do not adjust our behaviors to match the reverence of a space. So why should we expect reverence to be common when nothing is revered? On this point we must challenge ourselves. What reverence is due to God? What place should God hold in our lives? The answer to these two questions will shape our reverence for the Body and Blood of Jesus. The most unique gift we could be given is in our hands and mouths. The God of all creation is humble enough to be gnawed on with our teeth.

Care for each other

Years ago the country of Argentina legalized torture. The bishops were unsure how to respond to this atrocity. They realized that the core theology of the Eucharist is the way to describe proper care and concern for all peoples. They described the event in this way. How can a person who is torturing another person be in communion with the person who they are torturing? They can’t. Communion means that we are in right relationship with each other. This sense of community and communion should dominate our thoughts as we go to receive communion. Am I willing to forgive and build bonds of communion with those whom I am receiving communion with? Am I willing to be in communion with the Catholic Church and her beliefs? Am I willing to be in right relationship with God and do what he asks of me? The Eucharist is our greatest benchmark for understanding our relationships with each other. We should be willing to say that we want to be in relationship with all those who receive communion and are made the Body of Christ.

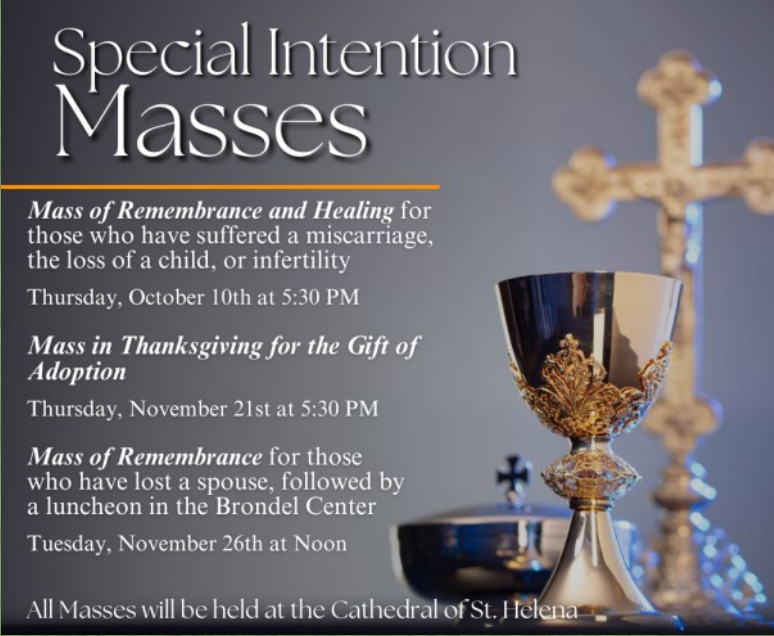
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CATHOLICISM 201



Each Monday Starting Oct. 28th from 7-8:30 pm
Topics: The Mass, Spiritual Writings, Letter to the Romans
See flier for more details

Special Intention Masses



Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those who have suffered a miscarriage, the loss of a child, or infertility
Thursday, October 10th at 5:30 PM

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Adoption
Thursday, November 21st at 5:30 PM

Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a spouse, followed by a luncheon in the Brondel Center
Tuesday, November 26th at Noon

All Masses will be held at the Cathedral of St. Helena

Saving Unborn Babies

A FREE Pro-Life Training to Equip YOU for Such a Time as This

October 15th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
@ Mountain Family Fellowship in Helena
RSVP to info@reasonforlife.org



with attorney & speaker
Samuel D. Green
of Reason for Life




40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Faith Night

Sponsored by Holy Cross Church

Monday, October 21st
6:00-7:30pm
101 S. Walnut St.

Faith & Politics



What is the goal and purpose of politics?
Should faith be involved in politics?
What role does faith play in our society?
How should we be involved in our political system?
Presentation by John Barnes followed by open discussion.

The topic for the next Faith Night is Faith and Politics. We printed postcards that you can hand out to your friends and family to encourage them to come to the event. Should faith be involved with politics? What is our role in politics? What is the goal of politics?

Healing Prayer Service for Women

All women are welcome
For physical, emotional,
or spiritual healing
Sat. Oct. 26th
9 am—12 pm
Holy Cross Church
101 S. Walnut St.

Bishop Vetter is coming to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, October 20th.
The Knights are cooking a dinner afterwards and Bishop will give us an update on the status of the Diocese.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
TO LEAD THE

SUNDAY ROSARY


@ 4:00 BEFORE MASS
ONE SUNDAY A MONTH

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN AT:
karen.simonich@gmail.com
406 410 7347


We are going to print new parish directories soon. If you have a new phone number or address, please contact the parish office so that we can have correct information.


LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

FOR THE POPE, CHURCH, PRIEST, FAMILIES, CHILDREN & FOR THE WHOLE WORLD



The rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying. For in the rosary all the part that Mary took as our co-Redemptrix comes to us.
- Pope Leo XIII -





SUNDAYS @ 4:00

~~OCT 6 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES~~

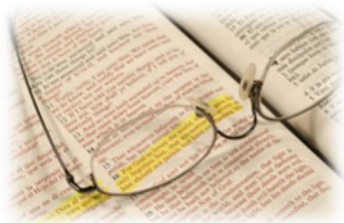
OCT 13 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

OCT 20 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

OCT 27 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Circles sign-up will continue for 1 more week. Circles are small groups within the parish whose main goal is to support each other on the walk of faith as well as find ways to service our parish and the Townsend community. The circles are no more than 20 families with the goal of meeting on a semi-annual basis to grow in fellowship and support. I encourage everyone in the parish to join a circle. The sign-up sheets for the Circles are in the parish center on folding tables. Please consider joining a Circle.

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10-13-2024

Reading 1: Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm: 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Reading 2: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



The
CHOSEN
Movie Night

October 12th at 7p

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

MASS	Schedule
Monday October 7	No Mass No Adoration
Tuesday October 8	No Mass
Wednesday October 9	No Mass
Thursday October 10	No Mass
Friday October 11	No Mass
Saturday October 12	No Mass Chosen Movie Night 7-8:30p
Sunday October 13	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p

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

Ministry Schedule	
Sunday October 13, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Tom and Julie Lethert
Lector:	Debbie Miller
Gifts:	John and Missy Rauser
EM:	Tom and Julie Lethert
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

All Saints Day

Fri. Nov 1st



Please return all service forms as soon as you can. We will begin ministry trainings in October.

We are in need of volunteers to help with RE dinner. Dinners will feed all ages of the youth and their families, therefore, we should plan on feeding around 80 people every Sunday. Please consider either providing a full meal (planning, purchasing food & cooking) or simply preparing/cooking a meal with food that the parish purchases, either help would be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to partner up with another member/family of the parish to help ease the burden of feeding that many people.



Donation Price Match

September 1st through November 30th, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar!

How Can You Donate?

- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30-11a or Saturday 9-10:45a.
- Donation boxes at Bob's Supermarket
- Mail in to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644
- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th-6th

The Food Pantry is in need of grocery bags

People can drop off meat at Tizer Meats and the food pantry pays for the processing

Magnificats

It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. They offer regular print and large print. Regular print is \$39 each and large print is \$ 69 each. Please order and pay at the parish office. Orders are due by October 23rd.



A special thank you to Max Peace who served on the Finance Council for many years and helped our parish in many ways with grants and finances. I am grateful to welcome our newest members of the Finance Council Pat Miller and Monica Benton.

Reminder: The Bishops of Montana have asked us to abstain from meat or some other pleasure on Wednesday until the end of election season as a way to reject CI-128. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Help needed:

The following tasks are some areas around the church that need attention. If you are willing to work on or complete these tasks, please contact Fr. Cody.

Spraying for bugs

Repainting the parking stripes and stop bars

Trimming the hedge

Replacing the rusted sleeve on the vent

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended September 29nd

Total Weekly	\$2,952.10
Budget	\$2902.00
Variance	\$50.10

THANK YOU FOR
your generosity

As the prices for everything continue to rise, so do the expenses of the Church. I strongly encourage everyone to consider the ways they can continue to support our church. One great way to support the parish is through increasing your offering, Every little bit counts. The second way is by providing support through time and talent. We have many projects that need to be completed and we either have to hire someone to do it or find someone with the expertise. Regardless, our goal is to at least break even with our expenses by the end of the fiscal year.

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Blessed be Thou, my Lord Jesus Christ, who didst foretell Thy death before the time, and in the Last Supper didst wonderfully consecrate Thy precious Body of material bread, and also charitably gave it to Thy Apostles, in memory of Thy most worthy Passion,"

- St. Bridget

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

Beginning September 29 bulletin unless otherwise requested after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark,



Did you know?

Did you know that we have three different cloths that all have the face of Jesus on them? The Shroud of Turin is the best known of the three. This cloth covered the body of Jesus while he was in the tomb. The image is burned onto this cloth and is in 3D. The Veil of Veronica is the cloth that wiped the face of Jesus while he was on the way to the Cross. After wiping his face, the cloth had the image of Jesus' face on it. The final cloth is the least known of the three: the Sudarium or Sudarium of Oviedo. This cloth covered the face of Jesus while he was in the tomb. The Sudarium covered his face and contains an image in blood while the Shroud of Turin covered the whole body and is a 3D image of the entire body as a negative image.

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 Fisette, John Bleile

Finance Council:

John Rauser, Tim McAlpine, Tacy Swanton, Pat Miller, Monica Benton