

## Stewardship

3/24-4/7

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$4,995.00
Easter	\$2,345.00
Reimbursement	\$922.65
Restricted	\$155.00
Votive Candles	\$42.45
Loose	\$446.35
Online Giving	\$190.00
Total	\$9,096.45

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$648.43
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,118.95
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Geisser Services	\$1,440.00
Roman Catholic Bishop	\$6,088.22
Big Sky Fire & Safety	\$933.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites	
Short Term	\$150.00
Long Term	
Open & Close Gravesite	
Memorial	
Total	\$150.00

#### Cemetery Expenses-March

Big Sky Sprinklers & Landscaping	\$220.00
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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 say "Give us this day our daily bread," by "this day" we mean "at this time," when we either ask for that sufficiency, signifying the whole of our need under the name of bread, which is the outstanding part of it, or for the sacrament of the faithful, which is necessary at this time for attaining not so much this temporal as that eternal happiness."

- St. Augustine

### 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:

Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder. Monte Schnur



### Do you know?

Where do the seven gifts of the Spirit come from in the Bible?

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

What biblical event was reversed by Pentecost?

#### Christian Burial:

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

What new feast, begun by Pope Francis, follows the day after Pentecost?

#### 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.**



Third Sunday of Easter

# Holy Cross Parish

April 14, 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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# Save The Date

for the Holy Cross

# Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.

We need everyone's help for this event to be a success

Find more information inside the bulletin

**Please pick up your raffle tickets to sell in preparation for the bazaar.**

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the final Mass of the Sacred Triduum and the highest Mass of the year. This normally 2-hour Mass, chronicles the major events of salvation history and explains the plan for Jesus to rise from the dead. Each part of this Mass directly relates to understanding Jesus' role in our salvation and experiencing the power and joy of Easter.

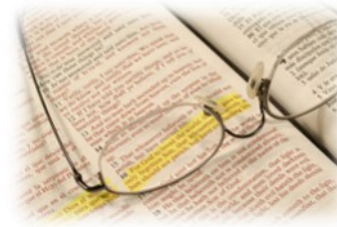
This Mass begins in a way unlike any other Mass. The rules of the Easter Vigil state that the Mass must begin 1 hour after sunset. Beginning the Mass this late gives the sense of the night vigil awaiting Jesus' rise from the tomb. In a similar way it gives the Mass a somber and anticipatory feeling. The first part of the Easter Vigil begins outside with the Easter fire. This fire represents the anticipation of waiting for the dawn, reminds us of Peter sitting around the fire, and the joy of light and heat, two symbols of the Resurrection. Around the fire, the people gather for the blessing of the Paschal Candle. This candle represents Jesus in many ways. During the blessing, the priest cuts into the candle the various symbols that mark this candle as a representation of Jesus. The Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, remind us that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the one who existed before all things and will exist after all things. The year is marked into the candle to show the value of each year and the joy of reliving the Paschal Mysteries each year. Then five pins are put into the cross to mark the five wounds of Jesus. After the candle has been blessed, the priest uses the Easter fire to light the candle and then processes into the church. With the people following behind the priest and then filling into the dark church, the Easter Candle is ceremoniously brought into the church while each person lights their candles from the Paschal Candle. The lighting of the candles fills the darkened space with light bringing light to our darkness. Once the candle reaches the altar, the priest places the candle in its holder and sings the Exultet. The Exultet is a long song that explains the importance of the candle and the importance of Jesus rising from the dead. This one song summarizes all the Easter mysteries.

Following from the Exultet and the procession with the candle, the Liturgy of the Word begins. Unlike all other Masses, this Liturgy of the Word contains 9 readings, 7 psalms, and 8 prayers. Each reading chronicles salvation history and explains the Jesus had to come to be with us and rise from the dead. The first seven readings follow the same format: reading, psalm, and prayer. After the 7<sup>th</sup> reading, we triumphantly sing the Gloria, which has now returned after our 40-day fast from it. As the Gloria is sung, the lights of the church come on and all the candles are lit. This hymn of joy is heightened by the light and the candles. The Church has been renewed after the 40-day fast and the darkness of Jesus' death on the Cross. After the Gloria, we read from the New Testament to connect the 7 Old Testament readings to the New Testament. Then the Alleluia is sung for the first time since before Lent. We triumphantly sing this Alleluia by extending its length and repeating it three times. The Mass proceeds with the proclamation of the Gospel and the homily.

To be continued...

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

4-21-2024

Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12  
 Psalm: 118:1 and 8-9, 21-23, 26 and 21 and 29  
 Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2  
 Gospel: John 10:11-18



MASS	Schedule
Monday April 15	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday April 16	Mass 9a Charles + Natalie Ringenberg RB Marjorie Kroeger
Wednesday April 17	No Mass
Thursday April 18	No Mass
Friday April 19	No Mass
Saturday April 20	No Mass
Sunday April 21	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family NO RE Blessing table in the narthex

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 April 21, 2024

4:30pm

Greet: Bev Determan  
 Lector: Debbie Miller  
 Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs  
 EM: Karen Simonich and Nikki Weiss  
 Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



Mondays 7-8:30p

The next topic is "The Last Things: Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory" on Monday, April 15th. The notes are posted on the website and a livestream version is available. If you would like to join the livestream version, send an email to [frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org)

# 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

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!



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to

Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.



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.



Congratulation to Charles and Natalie Ringenberg for receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and becoming a full member of the Catholic Church!

Congratulations to Harry Neal for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion!

*Blessings*



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour April 27th



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

Please pray for those from our parish who will be Confirmed at the Confirmation Mass on April 21<sup>st</sup>.



Matt & Jackie Redeagle would like to invite the parish family to join them in celebrating their baby girl coming! All are welcome! If you would like to bring a gift they have a gift registry at [babylist.com/matt-jackie-redeagle](http://babylist.com/matt-jackie-redeagle). April 20th Time: 3:30-5:30pm

# Spring BAZAAR

**Saturday, May 4th 12:00 pm—3:00 pm**

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

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

Silent auction, raffle, bake sale, craft sale and outdoor activities including free throw competition, cornhole and cake walk.

**Please sign up on sheets in Narthex to help!**



# CREATED GOOD

## Townsend Community Family Night

DINNER PROVIDED



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

**When:** 1st Sunday of every month  
5:45-7:00 pm  
**Where:** Holy Cross Parish Center  
101 S. Walnut St.

~~Jan. 7th: Christmas Party~~  
~~Feb. 4th: What do I do with my life?~~  
~~March 3rd: What does it mean to be forgiven?~~  
~~April 7th: Easter Party~~  
**May 5th:** How do I make strong relationships?

## FREE EVENT

The last Family Night of the year is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Come explore building strong friendships.

### Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.
7. Ireland

## Montana's FIRST-EVER Statewide Fishing Tournament

June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024



17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!

Big and small fish pots and other competitions available, including a Knights of Columbus Challenge!

Visit [www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/](http://www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/) to register and view information about the event, including rules, lakes, fish species, and prizes.

Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees- \$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.  
Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8:00pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.

This fundraiser supports the charitable ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana.

Scan this QR code to be taken to the tournament website!



QUILTING LADIES

# BABY BASKET DRIVE

COLLECTION SUNDAYS  
APRIL 7-28

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)

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| 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         | DIAPERS (SIZE NB TO 2) |
| DIAPER CREAM     | THERMOMETER            |
| INFANT SOCKS     | TEETHING RINGS         |
| BAB WASHCLOTHS   | LAUNDRY BASKET         |
| BABY DISH SET    | ONESIES                |
| BABY LOTION      | GIFT CERTIFICATE       |
| BABY BLANKET     | GIFT CARDS             |

