

# Stewardship

8-6-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,420.00
Loose	\$31.31
Pews	\$203.00
Total	\$1,654.31

## 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

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

### Cemetery Expenses-July

NorthWestern Energy	\$30.28
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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

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,"

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### 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, Chad Graveley family, 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 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 3

Who is God?

Proofs for the Existence of God

The Ontological Proof

God is that than which nothing greater can be conceived.

Although the language of this proof seems complicated, an example will show the simplicity of this proof. Imagine a perfect island. What is on your perfect island? Does it have trees, beaches, birds? Regardless of the qualities of this perfect island, the grandeur of God will always be greater than this island. Even if we could imagine the majesty and greatness of God, he will always be greater than anything we could possibly imagine. The problem with this proof is it makes God feel distant, incomprehensible, and foreign. How do we have a relationship with a God that we can't even mentally grasp. Although the ontological proof is true that God is greater than anything we could possibly conceive of, this is not the fullness of who God is. The last part of this proof that is often overlooked is the limitation of the island. Although we can create a mental image of the perfect island, it has one major limitation: it doesn't exist. God does exist which makes him even greater than the most perfect thing we could imagine.

The first cause

Everything in our universe is proceeded by something else. If some bowling pins are knocked over, they are caused by the bowling ball hitting them. The bowling ball hit them because I rolled the ball down the alley. I came to the alley because someone built the alley. The alley was built because someone had the money to buy the alley. And so on back to some first thing that caused everything. Some argue that these causal relationships can go back infinitely. This is not true. Only one thing is infinite: God. Everything else is finite, structured by time, bounded by space, and effected by other things. Therefore we have no reason to believe that anything, besides God, in our universe is infinite neither is there any infinite series of causes. All things in the universe originate from a singular cause, God creating it. From there the causal relationships begin.

Defending the first cause argument is more difficult than some may realize. Many people argue for a infinite number of causes thus eliminating God's first cause and God altogether. Several problems exist with the infinite cause argument. First, nothing in our universe is infinite. Even the universe itself has a limit caused by the expansion of space-time from the Big Bang. Second, the infinite cause argument only works if there is only one cause and the entire universe is static, eternal. As long as something causes something else to happen, the presence of the first cause requires a series of causes. Lastly, something cannot be caused by nothing. In other words, things don't start moving without something moving them. Nothing happens without something causing it to happen. If our world was the opposite, then random things would be continually happening with nothing to cause them to happen. This doesn't happen. Everything that happens can be linked to a cause.

Fr. Cody

# Scripture Readings



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8-20-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 56:1,6-7  
Psalm: 67:2-3,5,6 and 8  
Reading 2: Romans 11:13-15,29-32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



MASS	Schedule
Monday August 14	Mass 9a First Responders Adoration 9:30a Mass 6:30p
Tuesday August 15	Mass 9a Youth RE Fun Night 5-7p
Wednesday August 16	NO MASS
Thursday August 17	NO MASS
Friday August 18	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday August 19	NO MASS
Sunday August 20	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to [office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 20, 2023	4:30pm
Greet:	Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector:	Mary Duede
Gifts:	John and Missy Rauser
EM:	Martin and Doris Mingay
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



## 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 year's 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 in the next couple weeks will be donated.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

RE teachers planning meeting August 13th after mass

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass August 14th at 6:30p

RE fun night August 15th 5-7p



## 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 \$20,546 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.



## Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism 101 begins September 11<sup>th</sup>. This new series is designed to allow anyone to join and learn about the Catholic faith. If you know of a friend, a neighbor, or a family member who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, encourage them to come. When we get back to the basics, we make the beauty of our faith shine. I encourage everyone to come to this series.