

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Due to limited support for the weeks the Food Bank is open, Holy Cross will now help out during the months of February, June, and September. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, sign up sheets will be available on the table in the Narthex during those months or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

The Townsend Rotary Club will be matching funds of any monetary donations to the Food Pantry made between Mother's Day (May 11th) and Father's Day (June 15th). 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!

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

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.

- June 22: Compassion
- July 27: Understanding
- August 24: Love

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY
MON. JUNE 16, 4- 8 PM
DINNER PROVIDED
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME

BEYOND 227
 CONTINUING FATHER STU'S MISSION
 INVITES YOU TO
BAS RUTTEN

Scan QR code to support

Listen to Bas Rutten's take on what he thought it took to be a tough guy and how what he believes it takes to be a tough guy!

3rd Annual Dinner Gala
Helena Civic Center
6-13-2025
5:30pm-9:30pm

Purchase tickets here
Beyond227.org

We are hiring!

We are looking for a part-time groundskeeper/ building manager. This person is responsible for repairs and maintenance for our building as well as upkeep of our grounds. If you or someone you know is interested, check out the website for a complete job description and application or talk with Fr. Cody

The Holy Cross Quilters have wonderful baby items due to the generosity of our parishioners. If you know of someone in the Townsend community, who is in need of baby essentials, or, for a family member who is expecting, adopting or taking guardianship of an infant or toddler, please contact the Holy Cross office at: (406) 266-4811

Holy Cross Parish

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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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Come Holy Spirit

PENTECOST

The History of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Why does the priesthood matter for Jesus and the Christian faith? I can answer this question in several ways.

God's ways are eternal. We often forget this incredible axiom of our faith. God's ways do not change. When he gives a law or a promise, these laws and promises are eternal and will never go away or change. If God established a priesthood with the Jewish people, he intends that the priesthood is a good that will never change. We can easily argue that the priesthood of the Old Testament is vastly different from the priesthood of the New Testament. I argue that the two are different only in expression not in fundamental role and truth which I will cover later.

Priesthood is an essential part of our relationship with God. As I mentioned in the previous sections, the role of the priest is common amongst almost all religions. This role connects the people to God and makes God present to his people. The role of the priest in Jesus' time functioned in the same way. The people could offer their sacrifices to God, come to know his ways, and be able to know of his presence among them. Jesus, as high priest, functions in the same way. By giving himself, he offered a sacrifice. By becoming the mediator between God and man, he performed a priestly role. By telling us of God's will, we came to know the truth. The majority of Jesus life is a priestly role.

Sacrifices are a necessary part of our relationship with God. How else do we give God a gift? Although we may scoff at or be disgusted with the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament, these sacrifices are far more important than we realize. Animal sacrifices killed the animal, and everyone was aware of this fact. Something had to die for us to be forgiven of our sins. Our primary source of income and livelihood was killed for the sake of a gift to God. How often today do we give a gift to God that actually changes our lives? Do our gifts have any meaning or cause any change to the way we live? Animal sacrifices were an obvious sign of the gravity of our gifts and the importance of God in our lives. Sacrifices are necessary in every age as they make God important and require us to believe in the providence and necessity of God. Jesus, however, gave the ultimate sacrifice, his life. We cannot understand the Christian message outside of the concept of sacrifice and sacrificial gifts. Sacrifice is a necessary element of the Christian faith.

Jesus restores all things. The priesthood of the Old Testament was necessary and important. Yet, it was missing an essential quality for it to truly perform its necessary role for our relationship with God. Jesus completed the role of the priest, perfected it, and made it a central element of the Christian era. Therefore, we must examine what Jesus did with the priesthood, which will be in the next section.

Fr. Cody Williams



Dcn. Dillon Armstrong will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 27, at 3 pm at the Cathedral. Please consider going to this ordination both to support him and encourage him.

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended June 1st

Total for the week	\$1975.15
Budget	\$2900.00
Variance	-\$924.85

Year to Date

Total	\$125388.01
Budget	\$130500.00
Variance	-\$5111.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Most Holy Trinity
06-15-2025

Reading 1:	Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm:	8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2:	Romans 5:1-5
Gospel:	John 16:12-15

Mass	Schedule
Monday June 9	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday June 10	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday June 11	
Thursday June 12	
Friday June 13	
Saturday June 14	
Sunday June 15	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p (Parish Family)

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.

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, Bob Masolo, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majsak, Repose for the soul of Marilyn Gagen



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Every Consecrated Host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart,"

- St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, June 15 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	Bill and Mary Duede
Lector:	Charles Ringenberg
Gifts:	John and Missy Rauser
EM:	Emmalin Fischer and Megan Bleile
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch