

## Stewardship

11/12-13/2022

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,629.00
Loose	\$22.65
Holy Day	\$30.00
Total	\$2,681.65

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-October

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$134.97
Edith Mtn. Sprinklers and Irrigation	\$120.00
Door Systems of MT	\$192.25
NorthWestern Energy	\$326.59

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

#### Cemetery Expenses-October

NorthWestern Energy	\$31.12
Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	

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

THANK YOU!



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

### 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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Don. Kyle Tannehill.

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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Mary Pat Sullivan, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Marj Kohn, Kim Schaubert, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorsen, Frank and Sally Majszak, John Clark, Margaret's prayer request, Don Larsen, Joann Shindoll, Carl Lorentzen, Laura Obert, CoraLee Horne, Dan and Marie Stover, Roy, Mary McWhorter, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, John Woodring



### Did You Know ?

The classic words from the Hocky Pocky or the movie *Hocus Pocus* have origins in the Mass. The words Hocus Pocus are degradations of the words of Consecration in Latin, Hoc Est Corpus Meum. In an attempt to mock the Mass, people misused the words and developed a superstition that these words are magic since the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The song Hocky Pocky, also mocks the actions of the priest during the mass including moments like the Epiclesis, when the priest puts his hands in, the rest of the prayer, takes his hands out, turns to face the people, turns himself about.

**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.**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

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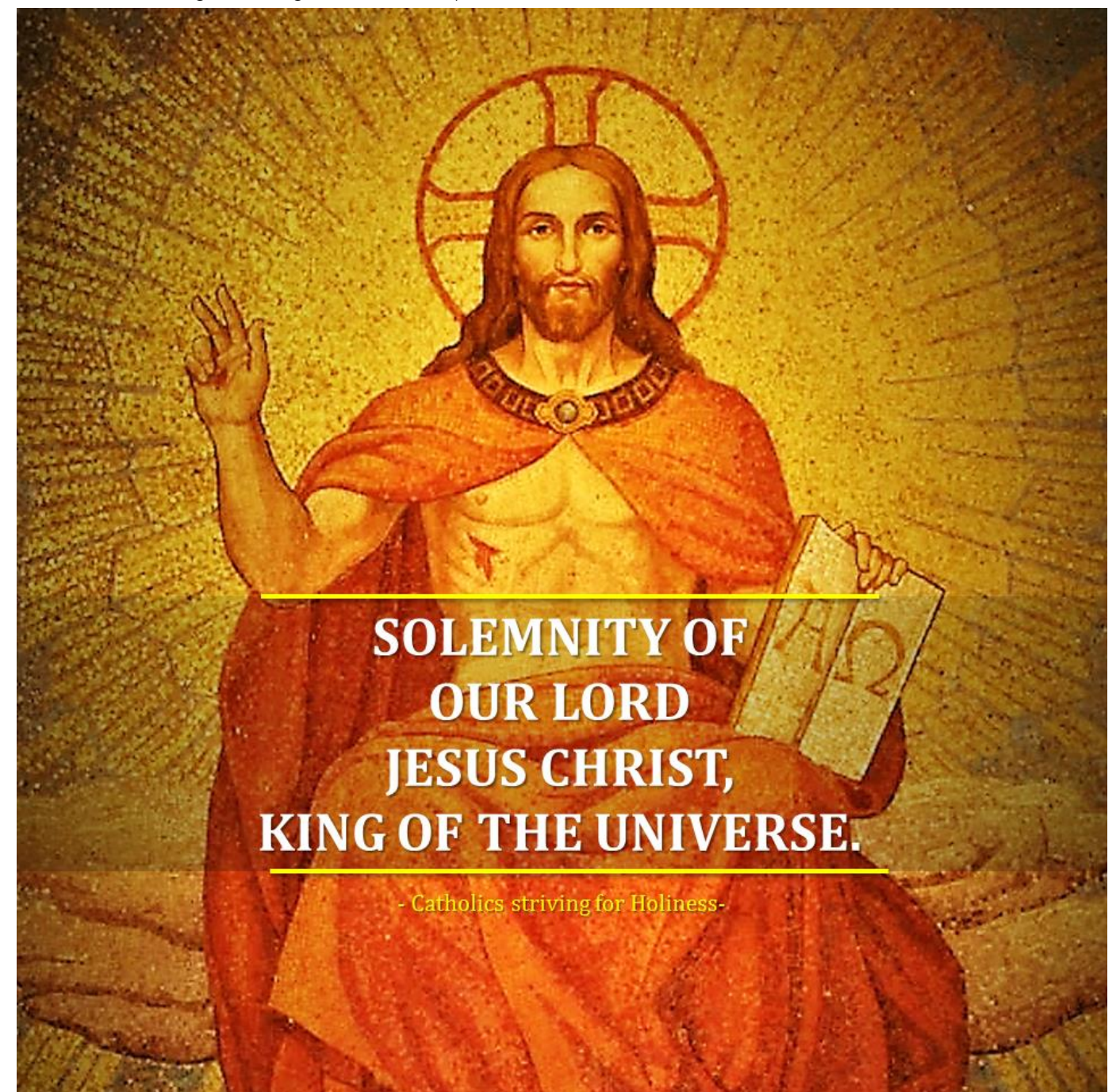
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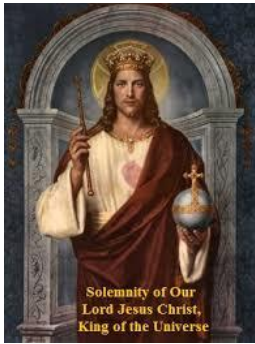
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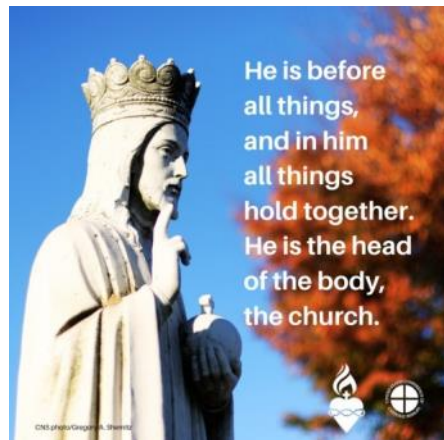
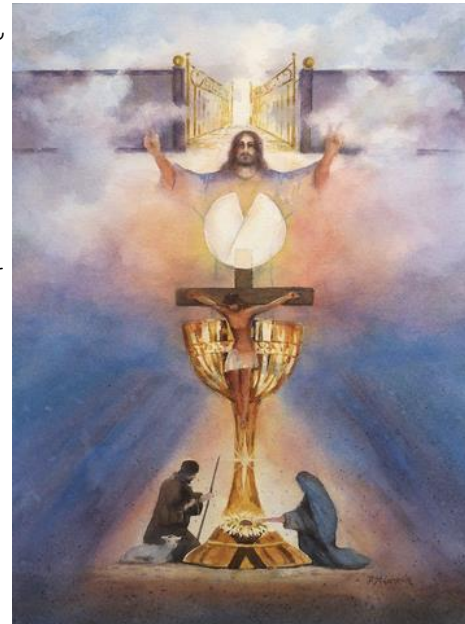






# Announcements

Bishop Vetter has allowed us to distribute the Blood of Christ during Mass for the faithful to consume starting the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. In preparation for reinstating Communion under the Precious Blood, I want to draw your attention to this part of our Mass. Consuming both the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord better expresses his command to us to “take and eat” and “take and drink.” The fullness of Jesus Body and Blood, however, are present in the Consecrated Host and Consecrated Wine. Each of them of their own contains the fullness of Jesus’ Body and Blood. The faithful are not required to consume both the Precious Body and the Precious Blood. Even with the restriction rescinded, you still have the option to only receive the Consecrated Host and fully receive Communion. As this part of the Mass is reinstated, I encourage you to reflect on the great gift that Jesus has given us of his Body and Blood, signs of his love for us, his Body which enters our Body and brings transformation into himself. Jesus Body and Blood in form of the Consecrated Host and Consecrated Wine is the most precious gift the Church has and the greatest sign of God’s ever presence with us.



More information on the Solemnity of Christ the King can be found on the USCCB website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org). They have information on the celebration of Christ the King as well as religious liberty and other prayers.

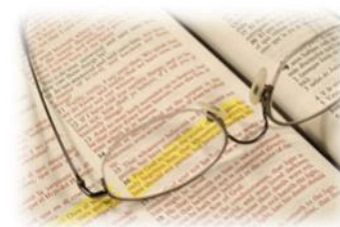
## The History of the Catholic Church

Part 1: 1st through 11th Centuries

Thurs. Sept. 22 – Dec. 15th: 7-8:30 pm

See flier for more information

## Scripture Readings



First Sunday of Advent  
11-27-2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Psalm: 122:1-2,3-4ab,4cd-5, 6-7,8-9  
 Reading 2: Romans 13:11-14  
 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



Mass	Schedule
Monday November 21	No Mass
Tuesday November 22	No Mass
Wednesday November 23	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a For the intention of the Extension donor <b>NO RE</b>
Thursday November 24	Thanksgiving Mass 9a Homebound <b>No Church History Series</b>
Friday November 25	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 26	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday November 27	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family <b>Coffee Hour</b>

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**

Saturday November 26, 2022 5:00pm

Greet: Martin and Doris Mingay

Lector: Chris Wright

Gifts: Fisette Family

**Ministry Schedule**

Sunday November 27, 2022 8:00am

Greet: Eichinger Family

Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts: Larry and Buffy Woodring

Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



# Ministry Highlights

## New Comers Group

A new group that I would like to start with our parish this year is the New Comers Group. This is a group of people dedicated to welcoming new people to our parish and helping them to engage and feel like they are a part of the parish. Since this group is new, we will need some time to work through some of the challenges with welcoming new people. Ideally this group would recognize those who are not regular parishioners at Mass and take special attention to welcoming them. Additionally, organizing events to welcome those who have joined our parish.



## Eucharistic Minister:

Most people don't realize that Eucharistic Ministers are an innovation coming from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. Prior to the Council, only priests and deacons were allowed to touch the Sacred Vessels used during the Mass and only the priest could touch the Consecrated Host. As the church expanded and the need for more ministers of Communion grew, the Church adapted by allowing the laity to distribute communion with the permission of their pastors. The role of Eucharistic Minister is more challenging than distributing communion. Eucharistic Ministers are also tasked with ensuring that people receive Communion (some people try to steal the Eucharist) and to help with any spills or other issues that can come with distributing Communion.



TECH CREW  
NEEDED!

A new laptop was donated to our church to help with livestreaming Masses. I need a few people who are willing to run the livestream for Mass. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.



Morality part 55

Sexual Ethics

The Theology of Sex

Sex is one of the few human activities that encompasses the whole human person: body, mind, soul. The physical side is the easiest to understand. The union of two bodies as an expression of love is a physical action. This physical action expresses more than simply an activity. The physical side of sex creates life. Sex is the only physical action a human can do that creates life. The physical side also encompasses a biochemical response. Studies have shown that those who have sex are biochemically bonded to each other and feel a connection greater than mere affection. Biologically this kept the man with the woman together for the good of raising offspring.

From a psychological perspective, sex is the action of giving oneself to another and receiving from the other. This act of giving illustrates the great distress a person can feel when a relationship breaks down or dissolves. The person has given himself/herself or another who has abused the gift leading the person to question themselves. In the act of sex each person bears themselves to the other in both an intimate and vulnerable way.

The spiritual side of sex is often misunderstood or ignored. We are not automatons who cave to our every innate desire. Conversely, as body and soul conglomerates, our actions can help us to experience God. Sex is one of the strange actions of a human being in which, through the giving of oneself and receiving from another in perfect love, we can understand the giving of the Father to the Son and Son to the Father that is the Holy Spirit. The intimate sharing of love between the persons of the Trinity is mirrored in the sexual act.

For the reasons listed above, the Church has kept sex in a high regard and taught that the proper expression of this type of gift is meant only in the context of marriage, as I will explain in sessions to follow.

Fr. Cody





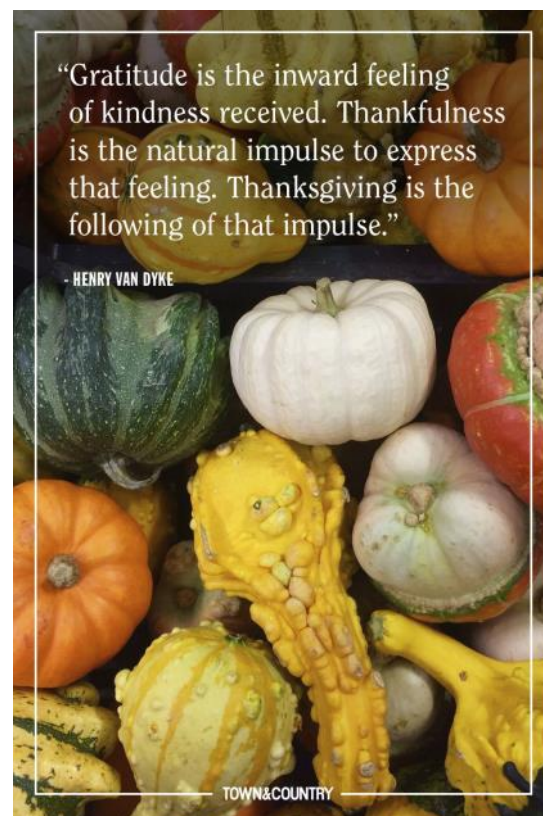


## Upcoming Trainings

Lector Workshop:  
Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> after Mass



**SAVE THE DATE** for Eucharistic Revival 2023, "Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement." Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central Catholic H.S. with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery – The Most Holy Eucharist. We'll explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Ticket prices start at \$15. Visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](https://diocesegfb.org/revival) to learn more or register. Seating is limited!



## Parish Meeting updates

Thank you to all who came and gave your input at the parish meetings. For those of you who were not able to attend, I am going to give you the basics of the topics discussed at those meetings.

1. Flocknote and Formed: Flocknote is a text message and email service that allows me to send announcements and information to the parish by email or text at your preference. This system greatly increases the speed and efficiency of communication. In order to use this system well, I need to have everyone's phone number or email in the system so that you can receive the information. Formed is an online program that has audio books, books, movies, programs, and more. This service is free to anyone in the parish and provides many good Catholic resources to build your faith. Information about signing up for this free service is on the table in the front of the church.
2. Circles: I have a new direction for the Circles. Circles are small groups of the parish that work to build our faith together and find opportunities to serve our community. If you are not in a circle and would like to be, please contact Fr. Cody. More information about the circles is on a separate insert in the bulletin.
3. Puttin' in the Pews: many have asked about getting new pews. Starting in December I will begin a campaign to raise the \$125,000 necessary to replace the pews and get new flooring in the church. More details about this project will be available in December.

## Pastoral Council:

I realized that many people would like to know the topics discussed at the Pastoral Council meetings. I want to assure you that the majority of the topics discussed I have told to the parish. Some topics discussed at the Pastoral Council meetings are confidential or the discussions continue for several months. As a way to increase transparency, I am going to highlight the decisions I made based on the advise of the Pastoral Council after our meetings.

Our November meeting focused on updates:

Upgrade to our internet system to further expand the availability of our wireless network in the building.

The wiring for the bell system is installed and as soon as I get time I will install the bell control system.

Our kitchen needs a grease trap and we have a clog in the drain.

Northwestern Energy has put in a new power pole.

The next major discussion topic for the Pastoral Council, and all of us, is evangelization. The last initiative is to collect 10 new addresses of formed Catholics or those who would like to receive a Christmas letter by Dec. 1. The new initiative is to buy Christmas gift for those families with young children.

## Christmas Gift initiative

Following from the Pastoral Council's idea, I would like to get a group of parishioners who would like to select, wrap, and send gifts to families in our parish who have young children. The main goal is to reach out to those families and show our support and encouragement in their faith. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please come to our meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm.



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have currently raised \$3,050. Please consider donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal and supporting the many ministries the Diocese funds. To give you some encouragement, the below statement shows some of the things the Annual Catholic Appeal funds.



## Parish Challenge

In order to reach out and bring in those who are Catholic, I am challenging the parish to provide 10 new addresses by Dec. 1. The goal is to send these people a Christmas letter which will invite them to Christmas Mass and our Christmas party in January. So far I have a list of names but no addresses.